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Army exercise to be largest in Europe since the Cold War

By JOHN VANDIVER
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STUTTGART, Germany — The U.S. Army will deploy a division headquarters, three tank brigades and thousands of other troops to Europe early next year to take part in what will be the largest American-led military exercise on the Continent in 25 years, U.S. European Command said Monday.

Defender Europe-20, which will resemble the massive "Reforger" drills held during the Cold War era, will involve 37,000 troops, including about 20,000 U.S. soldiers. Equipment will begin arriving in Europe in February and the exercises will be held in April and May.

Military drills will take place in 10 different nations, but the main action will happen in Germany and Poland, EUCOM said.

"Readiness is not only about having the right forces and capabilities in place throughout the theater, it's about exercising our ability to quickly receive and integrate forces with our own and those of our allies and partners," Lt. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, U.S. Army Europe commanding general, said in a statement. "This ability is critical in projecting force at a moment's notice."

During the Cold War, massive exercises, which focused on getting large numbers of troops to Europe quickly, were an essential part of preparing for a potential war with the Soviet Union. Known as Reforger, or Return of Forces to Germany exercises, the drills were a military staple that made the logistics of combat send troops for troops deployed to Europe.

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Trump pulls troops from Syria

Pentagon warns Turkey not to invade following president's decision to exit

By COREY DICKSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon warned Turkey against a military incursion in northeastern Syrian land controlled by Kurdish forces that the U.S. has backed for five years in their fight against Islamic State, the Defense Department said Monday in a statement.

The Pentagon issued the statement 12 hours after the White House announced it would remove U.S. troops from Syrian land along Turkey's border.

"The Department of Defense made clear to Turkey — as did the [President Donald Trump] — that we do not endorse a Turkish operation in northern Syria. The U.S. armed forces will not support, or be involved in any such operation," Jonathan Hoffman, the Pentagon's chief spokesman said in the statement. "We will work with our other NATO

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President Donald Trump

U.S. military vehicles travel down a main road in northeast Syria on Monday.

U.S.-backed Kurdish-led forces in Syria said U.S. troops began withdrawing Monday from their positions along Turkey's border in northeastern Syria.

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allies and (anti-ISIS) coalition partners to reiterate to Turkey the possible destabilizing consequences of potential actions to Turkey, the region, and beyond."

The decision by Trump to remove the American troops was announced late Sunday after he spoke with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The White House said Turkey would "soon be moving forward" with a military intervention in northern Syria aimed at Kurdish forces it considers terrorists, including the YPG fighters who largely command the Syrian Democratic Forces, the group that the United States has relied on in its years-long fight against ISIS terrorists in Syria.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Army Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned their Turkish counterparts in recent days against a military

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New name, same mission for Army HQ in Poland Page 4

MILITARY

Sculptures honor military dogs, servicemembers

BY MARTIN EGNASH
Stars and Stripes

A traveling exhibit of sculptures depicting wounded military working dogs seeks to get people talking about the servicemembers who worked, and sometimes died, with the canines, while also honoring the dogs' service.

"This exhibit shows the sacrifices dogs have made in battle, but it also shows the human sacrifice of their handlers," Ohio-based sculptor James Mellick said in a recent phone interview.

The sculptures are scheduled to begin a two-month run from Nov. 8 to Jan. 21 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. There are now eight dogs carved out of cedar, walnut, poplar, sycamore and other woods in Mellick's collection, his website says. Through the dogs, the exhibit takes viewers from World War II up to the ongoing war in Afghanistan.

Among the stories Mellick tells in his sculptures is that of Lucca K458, a Marine Corps service dog trained to detect explosives.

Lucca completed more than 400 missions during her six-year career, but in 2012, on patrol in Afghanistan, she barely survived a bomb blast.

A sculpture of Lucca, who lost one of her legs in the explosion, was sculpted out of laminated basswood that has been bleached, stained and burned for coloring. Its tongue is carved cherry and its teeth are maple.

It wears a medal awarded in 2016 for conspicuous gallantry by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, a British group.

"The dogs' wounds are an alle-

gory for all the human suffering that's harder to talk about," Mellick said.

Another sculpture depicts Cooper K154, who was killed with her handler, Cpl. Kory Wiens, in July 2007 by a bomb hidden in a haystack in Iraq. Cooper and Wiens' ashes are buried together

in Wiens' Oregon hometown, and a dog park has been named after the two at Fort Carson, Colo.

The sculpture of Cooper has a carved dove on its back and a football in its mouth.

The dove signifies that Cooper has "earned her angel wings" and the football represents the playfulness

she showed during her lifetime, Mellick's website says.

The exhibit has been touring museums and events around the U.S. since 2015, when Mellick took three of his wooden sculptures to the Ohio State Fair and the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association reunion in Nashville, Tenn.

"People can relate to dogs in a way that's hard for most people to relate to soldiers," he said. "I just want to bring awareness to the real wounds that our soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors suffer from."

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James Mellick
sculptor



U.S. Air Force

An exhibit featuring sculptures by artist James Mellick of wounded military working dogs will be on display at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Ohio from Nov. 8 to Jan. 31.



Mellick poses with his wooden sculptures of Lucca K458, left, who lost a leg in an Afghanistan bomb blast, and Cooper K154, who was killed with her handler, Cpl. Kory Wiens, in July 2007 by a bomb in Iraq.

Jim Mellick

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Syria: Trump warned US adversaries will welcome pullout decision

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intervention in northern Syria, warning an attack against the Kurds would create risks for Turkey, Hoffman said in the statement.

Trump's decision to remove troops near Turkey's border sparked outrage on Capitol Hill, including among Republicans who have backed Trump on most issues, and in foreign policy circles, as some pundits warned such a decision would not only be devastating to the Kurds but could spark a resurgence of ISIS.

The United States has a force of about 1,000 troops in Syria. While those forces near the Turkish border were expected to withdraw, it was not immediately clear what the fate of the other U.S. troops in that country would be, said a Pentagon official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The United States has worked hand-in-hand with the SDF since 2015 in its successful efforts to push ISIS from eastern Syria, providing the SDF weapons, airpower and special operations advisers. The U.S. military's work with its Kurdish partners has long irked Turkey, who view the Kurds as an offshoot of the terrorist PKK group, a Kurdish insurgent organization responsible for regular attacks in Turkey.

Trump initially appeared to back Erdogan's military operation Monday morning. But he later tweeted a warning of potential economic sanctions against Turkey — a NATO ally with which the United States has shared a tense relationship in recent years.

"If Turkey does anything that I, in my great and unmatched wisdom, consider to be off limits," he wrote.

Trump has long sought to remove U.S. troops from Syria. His unexpected announcement of a full withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria in December, which was ultimately altered to a partial withdrawal, sparked the resignation of this then-defense secretary Jim Mattis and his top diplomatic official working on the issue, then-special envoy for the anti-ISIS campaign, Brett McGurk. Both officials warned removing American forces from the region would leave the Kurds vulnerable to Turkish military operations.

Among the issues at stake with an American military withdrawal is what becomes of the some 11,000 ISIS fighters and family member held in makeshift prison camps in northern Syria run by SDF. Trump said Turkey and other European nations would need take responsibility for those fighters, saying the United States would not take responsibility for them.

"The U.S. has done far more than anyone could have ever expected, including the capture of 100% of the ISIS Caliphate," Trump tweeted. "It is time now for others in the region, some of great wealth, to protect their own territory."

A bipartisan group of Congress members who recently returned from a trip to Turkey and the Middle East, including visiting Jordan's borders with Syria, warned those imprisoned ISIS fighters could be freed in the midst of a battle in the area.

"The bottom line is that these Kurdish soldiers are the first line of defense in maintaining the gains we have made against ISIS. If Turkey attacks these Kurdish soldiers, there is a grave risk that the ISIS fighters they guard will escape and return to the battlefield," said a statement from Reps. Jason Crow, D-Colo.; Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y.; Abigail Spanberger, D-Va.; Andy Kim, D-N.J.; and Chrissy Houlahan, D-Pa.

The statement described Trump's decision as "misguided and catastrophic" and warned it would be destabilizing to the region and injure America's credibility with its allies and partner forces.



AHMAD BADERKHAN/AP

A fighter from the Syrian Democratic Forces stands inside a post on Monday where U.S. troops were based in Tel Abyad, at the Syrian-Turkish border inside Syria.



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Turkish forces' artillery pieces are driven to their new positions near the border with Syria in Sanliurfa province, Turkey, on Sunday.

But Trump countered with a tweet, writing the United States was far away and not likely to be directly threatened by ISIS fighters. If it was, he wrote, the military could return to its operations against the terrorists.

"WE WILL FIGHT WHERE IT IS TO OUR BENEFIT, AND ONLY FIGHT TO WIN," Trump tweeted. "Turkey, Europe, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Russia and the Kurds will now have to figure the situation out and what they want to do with the captured ISIS fighters in their 'neighborhood.' They all hate ISIS, have been enemies for years. We are 7,000 miles away and will crush ISIS again if they come anywhere near us!"

Among lawmakers and officials issuing condemnations Monday of the president's decision were traditional Trump allies.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., tweeted that abandoning the Kurds and trusting the Turks would be a mistake. He and Sen. Chris Van Hollen Jr., D-Md., announced they would attempt to punish Turkey if it attacked the YPG.

"We will introduce bipartisan sanctions against Turkey if they invade Syria and will call for their suspension from NATO if they attack Kurdish forces who assisted the U.S. in the destruction of the ISIS caliphate," tweeted Graham, one of Trump's strongest allies in Congress.

Another Trump ally, Sen. Ben Sasse,

Re-Ne, called the removal of American troops a "bad decision" that would "likely result in the slaughter of allies who fought with us."

"I hope the president will listen to his generals and reconsider," Sasse said in a statement. "And before Turkey butchers innocent Kurds, Erdogan should carefully consider his privileged status as a NATO member. The American people don't partner with genocidal regimes."

McGurk, the former U.S. envoy for anti-ISIS issues, on Monday attacked Trump for making decisions on the fly that go against his national security advisers' guidance. He said the president had done that previously on major decisions involving Syria, which ultimately sparked McGurk's resignation.

"I'd recommend having meetings with your experts and policy team before making historic life-and-death decisions," he said. "Making such decisions after a one-off call from a foreign leader is malpractice."

McGurk also warned late Sunday that U.S. adversaries would welcome Trump's decision as a concession.

"Bottom line: Trump tonight after one call with a foreign leader provided a gift to Russia, Iran, and ISIS," he tweeted.

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GOP revolts against Trump Syria decision

By STEVE PEOPLES

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NEW YORK — They may have his back on impeachment, but some of President Donald Trump's most loyal allies are suddenly revolting against his decision to pull back U.S. troops from northern Syria.

On Monday, one chief Trump loyalist in Congress called the move "unwerving to the core." An influential figure in conservative media condemned it as "a disaster." And Trump's former top NATO envoy said it was "a big mistake" that would threaten the lives of Kurdish fighters who had fought alongside American troops for years.

Trump's surprise move, which came with no advance warning late Sunday and stunned many in his own government, threatened to undermine what has been near lockstep support among Republicans.

It also came against the backdrop of a congressional impeachment inquiry in which the backing of Republicans in the Senate is the president's bulwark against being removed from office.

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"I hope I'm making myself clear how short-sighted and irresponsible this decision is," Graham told Fox News. "I like President Trump. I've tried to help him. This, to me, is just unwerving to its core."

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., who has shrugged off the key allegation in the impeachment inquiry — that Trump pressured foreign powers to investigate a top Democratic rival — tweeted that Trump's shift on Syria is "a grave mistake that will have implications far beyond Syria."

And Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who has been more willing than many Republicans to condemn Trump's calls for foreign intervention in the 2020 election, called the Syria move "a terribly unwise decision" that would "abandon our Kurdish allies, who have been our major partners in the fight against the Islamic State."

A more frequent Republican Trump critic, Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, cast Trump's announcement as "a betrayal."

"It says that America is an unreliable ally; it facilitates ISIS resurgence; and it presages another humanitarian disaster," Romney tweeted.

'I'm hope I'm making myself clear how short-sighted and irresponsible this decision is.'

Sen. Lindsey Graham
R-S.C.

EUROPE

Army HQ changes its name, not its mission in Poland

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The U.S. Army's headquarters in the western Polish city of Poznan got a new name last week, but its mission remains unchanged.

The small team of soldiers known as "Mission Command Element" was rebranded 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in a ceremony Friday. The unit has served as a forward headquarters in Poznan since 2017, overseeing operations for U.S. Army Europe on NATO's eastern flank.

"The change is to emphasize that 1st ID is regionally aligned with EUCOM (U.S. European Command) and fully vested in training and operations," said Maj. Traut Moore, a USAREUR spokesman. There is no change in the scope or purpose of the mission, he said.

Against the backdrop of an image of the U.S. flag enmeshed with Poland's, Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak praised the strong ties between the two NATO allies.

"Poland and the United States are joined by a strategic partnership based on commonly professed values, traditional ties of friendship and respect for mutual interests," Blaszczak was quoted by the Polish Press Agency as saying.

"The strengthening of the alliance with the United States and the increase of American forces in Poland is one of my priorities as minister of defense," PAP cited him as saying.

Polish and American troops "stand shoulder to shoulder, ready to give their lives if needed in the defense of freedom and in support of peace," U.S. Ambassador to Po-



U.S. EMBASSY WARSAW/Twitter

U.S. Ambassador to Poland Georgette Moshbacher speaks at a ceremony Friday in Poznan, Poland, marking the name change of the U.S. Army's headquarters in the country. The unit is now called 1st Infantry Division (Forward).

land Georgette Moshbacher said at the name-change ceremony.

The U.S. military has been building up troop numbers in Poland in recent years and already operates out of numerous sites across the country.

President Donald Trump and Polish President Andrzej Duda last month signed a cooperation agreement that paved the way for an expanded U.S. military presence in Poland.

The U.S. plans to add about

1,000 more servicemembers in Poland, but details on where those troops will be deployed are still getting worked out.

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Exercise: 10 major drills will be held in war games across northern Europe



MARTIN EONASH/Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Army is gearing up for Defender Europe-20, which will be the largest U.S.-led military exercise in Europe in 25 years.

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But the skills needed for such large force movements slowly faded as the risk of large-scale conflict in Europe diminished after the collapse of the Soviet Union. While American military concerns have shifted to wars in the Middle East during the past two decades, Russia's 2014 intervention in Ukraine forced the Pentagon to refocus on defending Europe and how to get American troops across an ocean in a crisis.

"A lot of those skills that the units are going to practice, leading up to go to another theater, have atrophied," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Kramer, who is in charge of EUCOM exercise programs. With Defender, "You'll have the better part of a heavy division move all their equipment and all their people, which is tremendous at the tactical level."

Defender Europe-20 will be the culmination of a five-year push by EUCOM to reinvent itself, transforming from an organization focused on peacetime relationship building to one able to command in a conflict. As part of that effort, EUCOM has sought to make its exercises more complicated and realistic.

It will also be the largest piece of EUCOM's 2020 war game series, with 10 major drills included across northern Europe.

"At a strategic level, we are showing resolve to any adversaries," Kramer said.

The Army will send a fire brigade and a sustainment brigade, along with three heavy brigades and a division headquarters, to Europe for the exercise. Elements from the U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps will also participate, along with troops from 18 other countries, EUCOM said.

The exercise will involve 14 air and sea ports in eight European countries: Bel-

gium, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands and Poland. Expanding military access to European ports has been a focal point for the Army's logisticians in recent years.

Soldiers will come from four U.S. Army divisions and three corps along with numerous Guard and Reserve units, EUCOM said.

"Conducting tough, realistic training alongside our allies and partners in Europe" is needed to effectively fight together and "deter potential threats," Cavoli said.

Defender Europe-20 and linked activities will cost about \$340 million, EUCOM said.

"It's probably the biggest thing since Reformer," Kramer said. "It's a lot of moving pieces."

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US diplomat's wife suspected in fatal crash facing calls to return to UK

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MILDENHALL, England — The parents of a British teenager who died in a head-on collision outside a U.S. military communications hub in England are calling for the return of an American diplomat's wife who police said was behind the wheel of the car that killed him.

"We're all broken; we're just utterly shocked and appalled that someone is allowed to get on a plane and avoid our justice system," Charlotte Charles, the mother of Harry Dunn, 19, who

was killed in August outside RAF Croughton, told Sky News on Monday.

A woman identified in the British media as Anne Sacoolas, 42, left England and returned to the U.S. after police said she was a suspect in the fatal accident near the base, about a 1.5-hour drive northwest of London. The British military base near Oxford is home to a signals intelligence station operated by the U.S. Air Force and houses State Department employees.

A U.S. Embassy official in London confirmed that the woman and her family had returned to

the U.S. but declined to name her "out of privacy and security concerns."

"We express our deepest sympathies and offer condolences to the family of the deceased in this tragic traffic accident," said Matt Goshko, an Embassy spokesman.

The incident has prompted the British public to take to social media, tweeting to President Donald Trump with demands of "#Justice4Harry" and tagging Sacoolas' name. Dunn's parents want her to face trial in Britain, they've said.

Sky News, the BBC and several other media outlets named Sacoolas.

British newspaper the Telegraph said she had been in the country for only three weeks before the accident occurred. After the crash, she "got out of the car and admitted liability," the newspaper reported.

The American was driving the wrong way on the road when the crash occurred, Northamptonshire police said. After meeting with her and her legal advisers, investigators had sought to have her diplomatic immunity waived to allow them to proceed with the investigation, police officials told Stars and Stripes on Monday.

"We were aware that diplomatic

immunity had been raised as an issue, and we then made immediate application for a waiver in order for us to undertake further investigations and an interview," said police superintendent Sarah Johnson.

The Embassy declined the waiver, she said. Such requests are given "intense attention at senior levels and are considered carefully, given the global impact such decisions carry," Goshko said. "Immunity is rarely waived."

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MILITARY

Arlington burial set for aviator lost in WWII

By WYATT OLSON
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A World War II aviator who in 1943 crashed into a Papua New Guinea mountain where his remains lay for a half-century will be buried with full military honors Tuesday at Arlington National Cemetery.

Maj. Donn C. Young was co-piloting a crippled U.S. Army Air Corps B-25 bomber on Jan. 18, 1943, when it rammed into a mountainside during a thunderstorm. Young's remains were recovered in 1998, but only recently did DNA testing positively confirm them as his.

His burial will include an Air Force flyover.

Young's remains might have never been found if not for the efforts of Alfred Hagen, 61, a construction business owner in Philadelphia.

Hagen's great-uncle, Maj. Bill Benn, was the pilot that day on the ill-fated B-25, dubbed the Algernon IV. In the 1990s, Hagen set out to find the crash site, filming the excursions to make a documentary.

Hagen made his first trip to Papua New Guinea — a vast island just north of Australia — in 1995, the beginning of a series of expeditions.

Benn is credited with developing a technique called "skip bombing," by which an aircraft released a bomb over water in a way that caused it to skip across the surface and hit the side of targeted ships.

"It was highly unusual to have two majors flying in the cockpit," Hagen said of Benn and Young.

Benn was on the crest of being promoted to lieutenant colonel and taking command of the 43rd Bomb Group, Hagen said. Meanwhile, Young, the co-pilot, was a newly promoted major who would step into Benn's position.

It is not entirely clear why the pair flew together that day, but their mission was to scout the north side of the Owen Stanley Mountain Range, whose jagged



peaks jut out from tropical rain forest as high as 13,000 feet in some spots, Hagen said.

The only Allied forces airfield on the island was in Port Moresby, south of the mountain range, while the battles against Japanese forces were taking place on the south side.

"So, if a plane got shot up and couldn't get over the mountains then they were in trouble," Hagen said.

The day of the crash, Benn, Young and the crew of five were scouting for clearings in the jungle that could be marked on charts so pilots could more easily find a place to ditch badly damaged planes, Hagen said.

No one knows for certain the exact cause and circumstances of the plane crash that day.

"Maybe they got battle dam-

age," Hagen said. "They lost their left engine. There were violent thunderstorms that afternoon. The mountains were uncharted at that time, and they were trying to find a pass where they could sneak through."

The plane never made it back to Port Moresby.

The crash site was discovered by a local man in 1956, and the following year a Royal Australian Air Force team hiked in, found the crash site and brought out human remains.



Photos from Donn Alexander

Above: Donn Young sits in a cockpit in this undated photo from World War II. Left: The Algernon IV, the B-25 bomber Young died in during a crash in 1943, sits at an airport in Papua New Guinea in this undated photo. Young will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday.

Those remains were subsequently interred in a mass grave in Kentucky, Hagen said.

By the time Hagen began his search in the 1990s, the exact location of his uncle's crash site had been lost with time. He knew only that it was near Mount Strong.

Hagen made numerous trips to Papua New Guinea.

"While we were searching for his plane, we started finding other planes," he said. "Each time I went back for four or five weeks, I'd find an airplane. I wouldn't find what I was looking for, but I kept finding airplanes."

He found eight World War II warplanes, which held the remains of 18 American and British airmen, he said.

After almost four years, he

found his uncle's crash site in 1998.

He found remains, and Donn Young's dog tags, and brought them to the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby.

Another two decades passed before the remains were positively identified as Young's.

Donn Alexander, Young's grandson, recalled being contacted by the Defense Department around 2005 saying that the remains from the B-25 crash were being examined. He submitted a sample.

"I didn't hear anything for years," he said.

Then, last year he was notified that new advances in DNA technology had been used to retest the remains, and Donn Young had been positively identified.

Alexander said the news shocked him, but he was "very happy that there would be some closure on that."

He expects about 20 family members will be at Tuesday's funeral.

Hagen expressed awe at the scope of WWII, a cataclysm that discovered a scale of human suffering now almost "beyond your powers of comprehension."

"When you find one man, however, the sacrifices of his generation are made quite clear in microcosm," he said. "You find that a family was left behind with a lifetime of unanswered questions. There is a special pain when you don't know or don't understand the fate of a loved one. It was a pain that my own family knew all too well."

He will attend Young's funeral, he said, mindful of all who have borne such loss.

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Young poses with local men in this undated photo taken during World War II in Papua New Guinea, where he flew a B-25 bomber.

PACIFIC

South China Sea tensions cause worries in India

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

YOKOHAMA, Japan — China's growing economic might doesn't trouble its neighbors, but its "destructive behaviors" in the South China Sea are worrisome, a former Indian foreign secretary said Sunday during a panel discussion on sea power.

Amb Kanwal Sibal, former Indian foreign secretary, said China's rise is intimidating because "for the first time in history, one country could dominate the Asian continent and the seas around it."

India sees China as its "greatest challenge," he said. "Never in history has a country expanded at this rate."

Sibal and experts from the U.S., Japan and Australia spoke of the Indo-Pacific region's rising importance and the boiling tensions in the South China Sea. China views the resource-rich South and East China Seas as its territorial waters, though international law considers them international waters.

The experts convened as part of the upcoming field review by the Japan Self-Defense Forces. They agreed their nations' combined naval strength provides a bulwark to China's territorial ambitions.

Still, Sibal said, China's concern that the international community wants to stop its expansion is

unwarranted.

"The idea is not to contain China the idea is to actually limit China's destructive behaviors as much as possible," he said.

U.S. Navy Rear Adm. James Pitts, commander of Submarine Group 7 headquartered at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, said the four countries share vital interests in the region, "which has fast become the epicenter for the global economy."

About 60% of the world's trade flows through the South China Sea, accounting for "an estimated one-third of global shipping," he said.

The sea, part of a busy commercial highway between the Indian and western Pacific oceans, is also a crossroads for navies of many countries.

The U.S. 7th Fleet, based at Yokosuka, keeps a high profile in the area. It covers an area from the International Date Line in mid-Pacific to the India-Pakistan border in the Indian Ocean. It's the largest of the U.S. numbered fleets.

"On any given day within the 7th Fleet area of responsibility, there are between 50 and 70 ships and submarines, 140 aircraft and approximately 20,000 sailors and marines," Pitts said.

Since 2010, China has claimed and militarized 27 islands and reefs in the South China Sea, according to the Center for Strategic



The submarine USS Oklahoma City steams ahead of U.S., Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Indian Navy vessels off southern Japan during Exercise Malabar 2019 on Sept. 30. A former Indian official said at a panel discussion on sea power Sunday that China's behavior in the South China Sea is worrisome.

Studies' Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative.

International law does not recognize China's sovereignty over the islands, but China maintains that countries should ask for permission before transiting within 12 nautical miles of them.

"We have no illusions about being able to control and safeguard the 100 million square miles that comprise the Indo-Pacific on our own," Pitts said.

Panel moderator and former Japanese Defense Minister Satoshi Morimoto said the state of affairs between the U.S. and China in the South China Sea is reminiscent of historic face-offs between established and rising powers dating back to Athens and Sparta.

"These tense relationships have occurred in many times," Morimoto said through a translator. "The collision between the two is unavoidable."

David Brewster, a senior research fellow at Australian

National University's National Security College, said the U.S. remains the region's top power but its dominance over the Indo-Pacific is in "relative decline" as China expands its influence.

To maintain its authority, he suggested the U.S. place more emphasis on security partnerships across the Pacific.

"Many people are talking about Cold War II beginning in the region," Brewster said. "We need to make new friends, new relationships and new alliances in the coming years."

To start, he offered that Japan, India, Australia and U.S. — as like-minded, democratic, Pacific nations — should "better coordinate coast guard responsibility" because coast guards have less political implications than warships.

"A quad of coast guards would be a noncontroversial way to work together," Brewster said.

The U.S. Coast Guard has become more involved in the Indo-

Pacific, sending two cutters on deployments to the region this year. The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Bertholf in March became the first cutter in U.S. history to sail through the tense Taiwan Strait.

Pitts said the four countries' "combined sea power continues to be the critical foundation of stability and prosperity throughout the region."

"Even with the threat of rising and revisionist powers, we will remain focused on preserving the rules-based order while enhancing the stability that binds its existing network of its allies and partners," he said.

The fleet review is set for Oct. 14. Japan expects 46 ships and 40 aircraft, including those from China, the U.S., Canada, Singapore, the United Kingdom, India and Australia, according to a Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force press release.

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S. Korean helicopters authorized in DMZ to contain virus

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — South Korea was cleared by United Nations Command to begin helicopter decontamination operations Saturday within the Demilitarized Zone in continued efforts to contain an outbreak of African swine fever in the area.

Thirteen cases of the highly contagious, incurable virus, which is usually fatal to swine, have been reported since Sept. 17 in South Korea, all near the border with North Korea. The virus cannot be transmitted to humans.

Gen. Robert Abrams, commander of U.N. Command and U.S. Forces Korea, authorized South Korea to fly helicopters into the DMZ — a restricted airspace, according to the armistice agreement with North Korea — to spray a decontaminant, according to a U.N. Command statement Sunday.

The South Korean government asked to fly helicopters inside the DMZ and near the Military Demarcation Line to cover as much area as possible with decontaminant, according to the statement. The country is



A Korea Forest Service helicopter sprays a decontamination solution to fight African swine fever near Gimpo, South Korea, on Oct. 1. United Nations Command has authorized similar decontamination flights by South Korea in the Demilitarized Zone.

doubling its efforts to stem the outbreak after heavy rain dropped by Typhoon Mitag rendered previous measures ineffective last week.

"UNC coordinated the effort with the

Ministry of National Defense and informed the (North) Korean People's Army in order to prevent miscalculation and remain transparent with the purpose of (South Korean) helicopters flying within

the DMZ," it said.

No military aircraft will be used during the operation, according to a spokesperson with South Korea's Ministry of National Defense, who spoke on condition of anonymity, which is common practice by government spokespeople in South Korea.

Seven helicopters from the South Korea Forest Service equipped with sprayers are expected to finish spraying by Friday. The area will be monitored afterward, according to the spokesperson.

A week ago, Abrams ordered the temporary suspension of visits and tours at the border truce village of Panmunjom, also known as the Joint Security Area, and the recently opened hiking trails in the area.

South Korea has culled more than 10,000 pigs in response to the outbreak, increased disinfection measures and temporarily banned the transport of hogs and related livestock.

The outbreak, the nation's first, was detected at a farm near the heavily fortified border that has divided the peninsula since the 1950-53 Korean War.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Taliban: Afghanistan freed several prisoners

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ISLAMABAD — Taliban officials say several of their group's members have been freed from Afghan jails, including former shadow governors, just days after a U.S. envoy met top Taliban leaders in the Pakistani capital following the suspension of U.S.-Taliban talks last month.

The Taliban also said they released three Indian engineers they had been holding, though that has yet to be confirmed by New Delhi or the Afghan government.

The Taliban officials spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity because they were not cleared by their leadership to speak to the media.

Among the Taliban figures freed were the group's shadow governors for northeastern Kunar province and southwestern Nimroz province, Sheikh Abdul Rahim and Maulvi Rashid, the officials said.

The Taliban have established a shadow government in areas they control across Afghanistan and have even set up courts to try offenders and abide by their strict interpretation of Islamic law, or Sharia.

The Taliban members were reportedly released from one of Afghanistan's largest jails, at the Bagram military base north of the capital, Kabul. While the U.S. military years ago handed over the sprawling base to Afghan security forces, it still maintains a presence at Bagram. It wasn't clear whether the U.S. or Afghan forces released the Taliban.

The Associated Press contacted both Afghanistan's defense department and the president's office, but they declined to comment.

However, an Afghan government official said 11 Taliban members were released in exchange for the three Indian engineers. He said it was not linked to the visit by the Taliban or U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad's visit to Pakistan. The



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Taliban officials Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, left, and Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai talk during a meeting in Moscow in May. Taliban officials say several of the group's members have been freed from Afghan jails.

official declined to be identified by name and would not elaborate on the reason for anonymity.

Khalilzad met last week in Islamabad with the Taliban's top negotiator, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, a co-founder of the hard-line Taliban movement and head of a Taliban delegation to the Pakistani capital. The Taliban said they were in Islamabad to discuss the condition of roughly 1.5 million Afghan refugees living in the city.

U.S. officials said Khalilzad was in the

Pakistani capital to follow up on talks he held in September in New York with Pakistani officials, including Prime Minister Imran Khan.

The U.S. insisted Khalilzad was not in Pakistan to restart U.S.-Taliban peace talks—at least not yet. But the Taliban and Pakistan confirmed the two sides met.

The meeting is significant and the first Khalilzad has held with the Taliban since last month, when President Donald Trump declared that the talks were “dead,” blam-

ing an uptick in violence by the Taliban that included the killing of a U.S. soldier.

Still, Trump says he wants to exit Afghanistan, ending America's longest war, and withdraw 14,000 troops from there. He has criticized the Afghan government for not doing more to defend Afghanistan and relying on U.S. and NATO troops to police the country.

While few details of Khalilzad's meeting with the Taliban have emerged, there have been reports that the two sides did discuss prisoner exchanges, with the freedom for two professors — an American and an Australian — of the American University in the Afghan capital featuring in the discussions.

American professor Kevin King and Australian Timothy Weeks were kidnapped in Kabul in August 2016. The Taliban have released videos of the two men and have said their conditions have deteriorated.

In Pakistan's eastern city of Multan, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Monday urged the Taliban to embrace peace.

“You have a golden opportunity, and if it is missed, then who knows when it comes back again,” Qureshi said he told Baradar, the chief Taliban negotiator, during their meeting in Islamabad.

From Islamabad, the Taliban delegation returned on Sunday to Qatar, a Gulf Arab country where the insurgents maintain a political office.

“I told the Taliban to take a step for peace, and I feel that we are heading toward achieving peace” in Afghanistan, Qureshi said.

The U.S. and Afghanistan often accuse Pakistan of harboring the Taliban. Pakistan denies the charge and says it has been pressuring the insurgents into talks since Khalilzad's appointment as peace envoy.



Left: Wounded men receive treatment at a hospital after a bomb blast in Afghanistan's Nangarhar province on Monday that an Afghan official said killed at least 10 people. Right: Afghan security forces remove the damaged minibus.



PHOTOS BY WAI SABAWOON/AP

Afghan official: Bomb killed at least 10 in eastern city

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomb blast in Afghanistan's east killed at least 10 people including a child Monday, according to a provincial official, in an attack targeting a minibus carrying new army recruits.

Ataulah Khogyani, a spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar province, said the attack in Jalalabad city wounded 27 other people.

The bomb was placed in a rickshaw and detonated when the army bus arrived.

“A number of the wounded people are in critical condition,” said Khogyani. He added that after the first blast, security forces successfully defused a couple of other bombs in the same area.

No one immediately claimed the attack,

but both Taliban and Islamic State are active in eastern Afghanistan, and especially Nangarhar province.

Afghanistan has seen an upsurge in violence since the collapse of U.S.-Taliban peace talks last month.

NATION

Profit, not politics: Trump allies sought gas deal

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KYIV, Ukraine — As Rudy Giuliani was pushing Ukrainian officials last spring to investigate one of President Donald Trump's main political rivals, a group of individuals with ties to the president and his personal lawyer were also active in the former Soviet republic.

Their aims were profit, not politics. This circle of businessmen and Republican donors touted connections to Giuliani and Trump while trying to install new management at the top of Ukraine's massive state gas company. Their plan was to then steer lucrative contracts to companies controlled by Trump allies, according to two people with knowledge of their plans.

Their plan hit a snag after Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko lost his reelection bid to Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose conversation with Trump about former Vice President Joe Biden is now at the center of the House impeachment inquiry of Trump.

But the effort to install a friendlier management team at the helm of the gas company, Naftogaz, would soon be taken up with Ukraine's new president by U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, whose slate of candidates included a fellow Texan who is one of Perry's past political donors.

It's unclear if Perry's attempts to replace board members at Naftogaz were coordinated with the Giuliani allies pushing for a similar outcome, and no one has alleged that there is criminal activity in any of these efforts. Also, it's unclear what role, if any, Giuliani had in helping his clients push to get gas sales agreements with the state-owned company.

But the affair shows how those with ties to Trump and his administration were pursuing business deals in Ukraine that went far beyond advancing the president's personal political interests. It also raises questions about whether Trump allies were mixing business and politics just as Republicans were calling for a probe of Biden and his son, Hunter, who served five years on the board of another Ukrainian energy company, Burisma.

Perry had key role

On Friday, according to the news site Axios, Trump told a group of Republican lawmakers that it had been Perry who had prompted the phone call in which Trump asked Zelenskyy for a "favor" regarding Biden. Axios cited a source saying Trump said Perry had asked Trump to make the call to discuss "something about an LNG (liquefied natural gas) plant."

While it's unclear whether Trump's remark Friday referred specifically to the behind-the-scenes maneuvers last spring



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A U.S. Capitol Police officer stands outside during a closed-door interview of Kurt Volker, former special envoy to Ukraine, by House Democrats last week in Washington. Volker, who has stepped down from the envoy post, said Monday he is also leaving his position with the McCain Institute in Arizona.

Volker leaving McCain Institute

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The special envoy to Ukraine who stepped down amid the impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump will no longer lead the McCain Institute.

In a statement Monday issued by the McCain Institute for International Leadership at Arizona State University, Kurt Volker says he is leaving his post

as its executive director.

Volker says the media focus on him will likely distract from the institute's work.

The institute is named for the late Sen. John McCain and oversees programs focused on national security, human trafficking and other issues.

McCain's widow, Cindy, said in a statement that she is thankful for Volker's hard work and dedication.

involving the multibillion-dollar state gas company, The Associated Press has interviewed four people with direct knowledge of the attempts to influence Naftogaz, and their accounts show Perry playing a key role in the effort. Three of the four spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation. The fourth is an American businessman with close ties to the Ukrainian energy sector.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Energy Department said Perry, a former Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate, was not advancing anyone's personal interests. She said his conversations with Ukrainian officials about Naftogaz were part of his efforts to reform the country's energy sector and create an environment in which Western companies can do business.

Perry was asked about the AP's reporting on Monday while in Lithuania, where

he was meeting with officials from Ukraine and other eastern European countries to discuss energy security and cooperation. He said any suggestion that he tried to force a management change at Naftogaz was a "totally dreamed-up story."

"We get asked for our recommendations about people who are experts in areas, various areas," Perry said. "Folks who have expertise in particular areas. Obviously, having been the governor of the state of Texas, I know a lot of people in the energy industry."

The Trump and Giuliani allies driving the attempt to change the senior management at Naftogaz, however, appear to have had inside knowledge of the U.S. government's plans in Ukraine. For example, they told people that Trump would replace the U.S. ambassador three months before she was actually recalled to Washington, ac-

cording to three of the individuals interviewed by the AP. One of the individuals said he was so concerned by the whole affair that he reported it to a U.S. Embassy official in Ukraine months ago.

In May, Perry traveled to Kyiv to serve as the senior U.S. government representative at the inauguration of the county's new president.

In a private meeting with Zelenskyy, Perry pressed the Ukrainian president to fire members of the Naftogaz advisory board. Attendees left the meeting with the impression that Perry wanted to replace the American representative, Amos Hochstein, a former diplomat and energy representative who served in the Obama administration, with someone "reputable in Republican circles," according to someone who was in the room.

Perry's push for Ukraine's state-owned Naftogaz to change its supervisory board was first reported by Politico.

A push for board members

A second meeting during the trip, at a Kyiv hotel, included Ukrainian officials and energy sector people. There, Perry made clear that the Trump administration wanted to see the entire Naftogaz supervisory board replaced, according to a person who attended both meetings.

Perry again referenced the list of advisers that he had given Zelenskyy, and it was widely interpreted that he wanted Michael Bleyzer, a Ukrainian-American businessman from Texas, to join the newly formed board, the person said. Also on the list was Robert Bensch, another Texan who frequently works in Ukraine, the Energy Department confirmed.

Gordon D. Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, and Kurt D. Volker, then the State Department's special envoy to Ukraine, were also in the room, according to photographs reviewed by the AP. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to fear of retaliation, said he was floored by the American requests because the person had always viewed the U.S. government "as having a higher ethical standard."

The Naftogaz supervisory board is supposed to be selected by the Ukrainian president's Cabinet in consultation with international institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, the United States and the European Union. It must be approved by the Ukrainian Cabinet. Ukrainian officials perceived Perry's push to swap out the board as circumventing that established process, according to the person in the room.

U.S. Energy Department spokeswoman Shaylin Hynes said Saturday that in the May meeting with Zelenskyy, what Perry "did not do is advocate for the business interests of any one individual or company."

Ukraine shuns US political battles, foreign minister maintains

By YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine doesn't want to be dragged into U.S. political battles, the nation's foreign minister said Monday.

A July 25 phone call in which President Donald Trump pressured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, a Democratic candidate hoping to challenge Trump next year, has triggered

a congressional impeachment inquiry.

Ukraine's top prosecutor said Friday that his office is reviewing several cases related to the owner of Ukrainian gas company Burisma, where Biden's son sat on the board, but noted that he wasn't aware of any evidence of wrongdoing by either Biden.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko emphasized Monday that prosecutors act independently, and the government

has nothing to do with the probe.

"The inquiries into Burisma and other companies must be conducted without government involvement," he said.

Prystaiko emphasized that Ukraine wants to stay away from the U.S. political uproar.

"The last thing we want is getting dragged into U.S. domestic politics," he said at a briefing after talks with his Latvian counterpart. "That would be really damaging to us."

The publication of the rough transcript of the call with Trump has dented the image of Zelenskyy, a comedian with no previous political experience who was elected by a landslide in April on promises to end the conflict with Russia-backed separatists in the east and combat rampant official corruption.

In a careful balancing act, the Ukrainian leader has repeatedly denied that he was pressured by Trump while emphasizing that

Ukrainian prosecutors are reviewing past criminal cases and could cooperate with their counterparts in the United States in an apparent attempt to remain in the good graces of the White House.

Several of the cases under audit in Ukraine are related to Mykola Zlochevsky, the owner of Burisma, which hired Hunter Biden in 2014 at the time his father was leading the Obama administration's diplomatic dealings with Ukraine.

NATION

President's old playbook collides with new realities

By JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Telling half-truths and outright lies. Manipulating media coverage. Pushing legal boundaries. Pressuring subordinates to do the dirty work.

ANALYSIS

Believing in the force of his own personality. Accepting no personal responsibility.

The playbook Donald Trump has used as a real estate developer, celebrity businessman and political candidate has, for the most part, proved effective through the first two-plus years of his presidency.

He has shown an uncanny ability to wriggle out of jams that might have doomed just about any of his predecessors.

That M.O. may finally be catching up to Trump amid the House's impeachment inquiry. The tactics that helped win the White House have jeopardized his hold on it, ensnaring him in accusations that he enlisted a foreign government to investigate a political

foe and, so far, leaving him flailing against a rapidly escalating investigation.

"He's arrived at a very different place right now," said Tim O'Brien, a Trump biographer and frequent critic. "He's being held to account in a way that he never had before and is running into the limits of what he normally does."

"The Trump we're used to seeing is someone whose visceral feeling to survive is to plow through public criticism to just push forward. His behavior hasn't changed; his circumstance has."

It was Trump's ability to get out of one predicament that led him into this one.

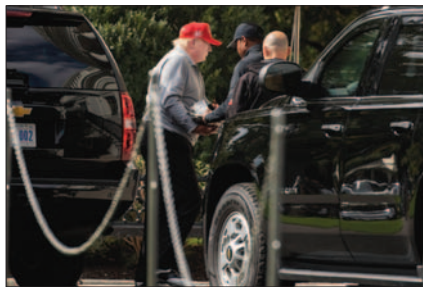
The investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller into Russian election interference shadowed the White House for two years before ending with a whimper on July 24, when the former FBI director's faltering testimony seemed to close the book on the inquiry. Mueller told Congress that he could not exonerate the president on obstruction of justice, and Trump told the world that he had been completely cleared.

Trump's approval rating has never dipped below 32% or risen above 42% in Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research polls since he took office. His grasp on power and his hold over the Republican Party have been unshaken.

A day after Mueller's congressional appearance, an emboldened Trump asked Ukraine to investigate a leading Democratic rival, former Vice President Joe Biden.

The speed of the story has stunned a capital already used to a relentless Trumpian news cycle. In barely two weeks' time, under an avalanche of disclosures in news stories and Trump's damaging admissions, House Democrats called for an impeachment inquiry, posing the gravest threat yet to his presidency.

To this point, Trump appears floundering in how he's reacted. With no formal response team and with many in his party keeping quiet, Trump has turned into a one-man war room. He's raged at news conferences, berated aides and directed epithets at critics.



MANUEL BALCE CONETA/AP

President Donald Trump, shown returning to the White House from his golf club in Sterling, Va., on Saturday, is finding that a playbook that has long served him well may be less effective than it once was.

"He's being erratic and inflammatory," said Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian at Rice University. "It's not a strategy designed to garner new voters. Who wants to buy into an act of a man screaming in chaotic fashion? Instead of trying to work his way out of the hole, he's digging himself deeper."

In many ways, Trump has lived a life free of consequences.

His two divorces were marriages from which he wanted to escape. He turned the separations into tabloid gold.

His early financial struggles were resolved by his father. His

bankruptcies mostly affected his lenders. He never apologizes, moves to win that day's — really, that minute's — news cycle and trusts that his supporters will believe and follow him.

"He is facing the ramifications of his actions in a new way," said O'Brien. "What is so striking about this Ukraine story is that the anger that his closest allies would only see behind closed doors has burst into public view. I think he's going to continue to lash out and burn things down around him. He'll try to throw more people in his close circle under the bus if he needs to."



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Challenge to release of Trump tax returns nixed

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge Monday emphatically rejected President Donald Trump's challenge to the release of his tax returns to New York prosecutors, saying the president's broad claim of immunity from all criminal investigations is at odds with the Constitution. But an appeals court blocked any handover of the records for now.

At issue is a request from Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. that Trump's accounting firm turn over eight years' worth of his business and personal tax returns for an investigation into the payment of hush money to two women who claimed to have had affairs with the president.

U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero turned down Trump's attempt to keep the tax returns under wraps, saying the president was making a "categorical and limitless assertion of presidential immunity."

The president's lawyers immediately

appealed to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and it granted a temporary stay of the judge's ruling "pending expedited review" by the court.

"The Radical Left Democrats have failed on all fronts," Trump fumed on Twitter, "so now they are pushing local New York City and State Democrat prosecutors to go get President Trump. A thing like this has never happened to any President before. Not even close!"

The criminal investigation in New York is unfolding with Trump already under siege on Capitol Hill from a fast-moving impeachment drive set off by his attempts to get Ukraine's leader to investigate his political rival, Joe Biden. The judge's ruling marked the latest in a string of setbacks for the president in the past couple of weeks.

Trump's lawyers have said that the investigation led by Vance, a Democrat, is politically motivated and that the request for his tax re-

ords should be stopped because he is immune from any criminal probe as long as he is president.

Marrero called Trump's claim of broad immunity "extraordinary" and "an overreach of executive power."

"As the court reads it, presidential immunity would stretch to cover every phase of criminal proceedings, including investigations, grand jury proceedings and subpoenas, indictment, prosecution, arrest, trial, conviction, and incarceration," the judge wrote. "That constitutional protection presumably would encompass any conduct, at any time, in any forum, whether federal or state, and whether the President acted alone or... with other individuals."

The judge said he couldn't accept that legal view, "especially in the light of the fundamental concerns over excessive arrogation of power" that led the founding fathers to create a balance of power among the three branches of government.



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The Supreme Court is starting its new term with a case deciding whether states should allow criminal defendants to plead insanity.

Supreme Court begins term with insanity case

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court began its election-year term Monday by wrestling over whether states must allow criminal defendants to plead insanity.

The one minor surprise when the justices took the bench just after 10 o'clock was the absence of Justice Clarence Thomas. Thomas, 71, was at home, likely with the flu, the court said.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was in her customary seat to the left of Chief Justice John Roberts. Ginsburg, 86, asked the first question in the insanity arguments.

Ginsburg was treated this past summer for a tumor on her pancreas.

Meeting for the first time in public since late June, the court opened a term that could reveal how far to the right and how fast the court's conservative majority will move, even as Roberts has made clear he wants to keep the court clear of Washington partisan politics. The court is begin-

ning its second term with both of President Donald Trump's Supreme Court appointees, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, on board.

The justices could be asked to intervene in disputes between congressional Democrats and the White House that might also involve the possible impeachment of the Republican president.

Roberts would preside over a Senate trial of Trump if the House were to impeach him.

Its biggest decisions, in cases involving abortion, protections for young immigrants and LGBT rights, are likely to be handed down in late June, four months before the election.

The case about an insanity defense comes from Kansas, where James Kraig Kahler was sentenced to death for killing his estranged wife, two teenage daughters and his wife's grandmother.

Kahler wanted to mount an insanity defense, but Kansas is one of four states that eliminated a defendant's ability to plead not guilty by reason of insanity.

Engineer accuses Ethiopian Airlines

By BERNARD CONDON

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ethiopian Airlines' former chief engineer says in a whistleblower complaint filed with regulators that the carrier went into the maintenance records on a Boeing 737 Max jet a day after it crashed this year, a breach he contends was part of a pattern of corruption that included fabricating documents, signing off on shoddy repairs and even beating those who got out of line.

Yonas Yesenaw, who resigned this past summer and is seeking asylum in the U.S., said that while it is unclear what, if anything, in the records was altered, the decision to go into them at all when they should have been sealed reflects a government-owned airline with few boundaries and plenty to hide.

"The brutal fact shall be exposed," Ethiopian Airlines is pursuing the vision of expansion, growth and profitability by compromising safety," Yesenaw said in his report, which he gave to The Associated Press after sending it last month to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and other international air safety agencies.

Yesenaw's criticism of Ethi-



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Yonas Yesenaw, who resigned as Ethiopian Airlines' chief engineer this past summer, has accused the airline of going into the maintenance records of a Boeing 737 Max after it crashed.

opian's maintenance practices, backed by three other former employees who spoke to the AP, makes him the latest voice urging investigators to take a closer look at potential human factors in the Max saga and not just focus on Boeing's faulty anti-stall system, which has been blamed in two crashes in four months.

It's not a coincidence, he said, that Ethiopian saw one of its Max planes go down when many other airlines that fly the plane suffered no such tragedy.

Ethiopian Airlines portrayed Yesenaw as a disgruntled former employee and categorically denied his allegations, which paint a blistering counterpoint to the perception of the airline as one of Africa's most successful

companies and a source of national pride.

Yesenaw alleged in his report and interviews with the AP that Ethiopian is growing too fast and struggling to keep planes in the air now that it is carrying 11 million passengers a year, four times what it was handling a decade ago. He said mechanics are overworked and pressed to take shortcuts to get planes cleared for takeoff, while pilots are flying on too little rest and not enough training.

Yesenaw included emails showing he urged top executives for years to end a practice at the airline of signing off on maintenance and repair jobs that he asserts were done incompletely, incorrectly or not at all.

GM-UAW talks take turn for worse; settlement not close

By TOM KRISHER

Associated Press

DETROIT — Contract talks aimed at ending a 21-day strike by the United Auto Workers against General Motors have taken a turn for the worse, hitting a big snag over product commitments for U.S. factories, a union official wrote in an email to members.

The letter from UAW Vice President Terry Dittes casts doubt on whether there will be a quick settlement in the contract dispute, which sent 49,000 workers to the picket lines on Sept. 16, crippling GM's factories.

Dittes' letter says the union presented a proposal to the company Saturday. He said GM responded Sunday morning by reverting back to an offer that had been rejected and made few changes.

The company's proposal did nothing to address a host of items,

Dittes wrote, specifying job security for members during the term of the four-year contract.

"It did nothing to provide job security during the term of this agreement," Dittes wrote. "We, in this union, could not be more disappointed with General Motors who refuse to recognize the experience and talent of our membership."

In a statement, GM said it continues to negotiate in good faith "with very good proposals that benefit employees today and builds a stronger future for all of us."

The company said it is committed to talking around the clock to resolve the dispute.

But Dittes wrote that while both sides had made progress on important issues two days ago, the talks now "have taken a turn for the worse."

NATION



JULIUS CONSTANTINE MOTAL/AP

Police officers escort Randy Rodriguez Santos to a vehicle bound for a hospital for evidence collection Saturday in New York. Santos was taken into custody in connection with a rampage that left four homeless people dead and one seriously injured.

Suspect held in attacks that left 4 homeless men dead, 1 injured

By VERENA DOBNIK
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — A homeless man wielding a long metal bar rampaged through New York City's Chinatown early Saturday attacking other homeless people who were sleeping, killing four and leaving a fifth with serious injuries, police said.

Police recovered the weapon, which was still in the suspect's hands when he was arrested, officials said.

"The motive appears to be, right now, just random attacks," Chief of Manhattan South Detectives Michael Baldassano said, adding there was no evidence yet that the victims were "targeted by race, age, anything of that nature."

Randy Rodriguez Santos was

taken into police custody early Saturday. Police said he has been arrested at least a half-dozen other times in the past two years, three times on assault charges.

Santos was escorted out of a police station late Saturday by two police officers and put in a car. Detectives at the scene told journalists he was being taken to a hospital for the gathering of DNA evidence.

It wasn't clear whether Santos had a lawyer yet who could speak for him.

The victims, all men, were attacked as they slept in doorways and sidewalks in three different locations in Chinatown, which is packed during daylight hours but empties out at night.

Police responded to a 911 call just before 2 a.m. as one assault was in progress.

They found one man dead in

the street and a second with critical head injuries.

A search of the neighborhood turned up three additional bodies. The identities of the victims have not been released.

The lone known survivor was hospitalized in critical condition. Police planned to interview him as soon as possible, Baldassano said.

The suspect's identity was revealed to The Associated Press by two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because criminal charges hadn't yet been finalized.

The suspect's mother, Fioraliza Rodriguez, 55, told the Daily News she had kicked him out about three years ago. He struggled with drugs, assaulted her and his grandfather, and stole from the family, she said.

"Toxic masculinity" seen as factor in mass shootings

By PHILLIP REESE
Kaiser Health News

Soon after a 19-year-old man killed three people and wounded more than a dozen at a festival in Gilroy, Calif., in late July, California Gov. Gavin Newsom noted something often taken for granted about mass shootings.

"These shootings overwhelmingly, almost exclusively, are males, boys, men" — I put in loose quotes," Newsom said during a news conference. "I do think that is missing in the national conversation."

From January 2013 to August 2019, there were 11 shooting rampages in California in which the perpetrator indiscriminately shot victims in public places and killed three or more people, according to an open-source database maintained by the nonprofit news organization Mother Jones. None of those mass shootings involved a sole male suspect, one involved a sole female suspect

and one involved a male and a female couple.

Newsom had his explanation for the difference.

"I think that goes deep to the issue of how we raise our boys to be men, goes deeply into values that we tend to hold dear: power, dominance and aggression over empathy, care and collaboration," he said.

Kaiser Health News asked a range of experts what might explain the gender disparity.

Eric Madfis, an associate professor of criminal justice at the University of Washington-Tacoma, said research shows that men who commit mass murder tend to feel their masculinity has been diminished in a fundamental way.

"So, there are people who have been rejected by lots of girls, or ignored by friends or by peers, people who have experienced lots of job losses," said Madfis, who authored a study on the common traits of mass murderers.

Another common trait among

mass killers is that they tend to blame others for their problems.

"And part of that relates to masculinity as well because men are much more likely to externalize blame in general; they're much more likely to see other people as causing them problems and to act," Madfis said.

Caroline Heldman is a professor of politics at Occidental College, a senior research adviser for the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media and executive director of the Representation Project, a nonprofit started by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the governor's spouse, that is devoted to challenging gender stereotypes.

Efforts to reduce mass shootings should emphasize reducing what is often termed "toxic masculinity," Heldman said, the pernicious societal norm that being a man means "you can't show emotion, that you can't seek help when you need it, essentially that you can't be fully human, you can't be vulnerable."

FBI reaches out to universities on Chinese threat

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the U.S. warned allies around the world that Chinese tech giant Huawei was a security threat, the FBI was making the same point quietly to a Midwestern university.

In an email to the associate vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, an agent wanted to know if administrators believed Huawei had stolen any intellectual property from the school.

"Told no, the agent responded, 'I assumed those would be your answers, but I had to ask.' It was no random query."

The FBI has been reaching out to universities across the country as the U.S. tries to stem what American authorities portray as the wholesale theft of technology and trade secrets by researchers tapped by China. The breadth and intensity of the campaign emerges in emails obtained by The Associated Press through records requests to public universities in 50 states.

Agents have lectured at seminars, briefed administrators in campus meetings and distributed pamphlets with cautionary tales of trade secret theft. In the past two years, they've requested emails of two University of Washington researchers, asked Oklahoma State University if it has scientists in specific areas and asked about "possible misuse" of research funds by a University of Colorado Boulder professor, according to the emails.

The emails reveal administrators routinely requesting FBI briefings. But they also show some struggling to balance legitimate national security concerns

against their own eagerness to avoid stifling research or tarnishing legitimate scientists. The Justice Department says it appreciates that push-pull and wants only to help separate the relatively few researchers engaged in theft from the majority who are not.

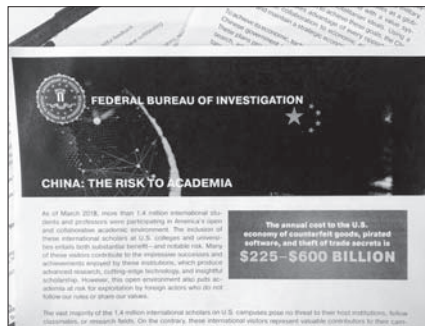
Senior FBI officials told the AP they're not encouraging schools to monitor researchers by nationality but instead to take steps to protect research. They consider the briefings vital since they say universities haven't historically been as attentive to security as they should be.

"When we go to the universities, what we're trying to do is highlight the risk to them without discouraging them from welcoming the researchers and students from a country like China," said Assistant Attorney General John Demers, the Justice Department's top national security official.

The threat, officials say, is genuine. A University of Kansas researcher was recently charged with collecting federal grant money while working full-time for a Chinese university, and a Chinese government employee was arrested in a visa fraud scheme allegedly aimed at recruiting U.S. research talent.

The Justice Department last year launched an effort called the China Initiative aimed at identifying priority trade secret cases and focusing resources on them.

"Existentially, we look at China as our greatest threat from an intelligence perspective, and they succeeded significantly in the last decade from stealing our best and brightest technology," said top U.S. counterintelligence official William Evana.



This pamphlet is part of the FBI's outreach to American universities to stem the threat of China stealing U.S. academic research.

NATION

Report: Twin births hit lowest level in decade

By MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fewer U.S. families are seeing double, according to a government report that finds a drop in new twins.

Twin births steadily increased for more than three decades, driven largely by older white moms undergoing fertility treatments.

But the rate of twin births apparently peaked in 2014 and has fallen 4% since. Last year, the rate hit its lowest point in a decade, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday.

The drop is modest, but health officials say it is good news. Pregnancy with more than one raises the risks of complications and death for both the mother and her fetuses. Complications include premature birth and a low birth weight.

"In the media, there are often stories about very cute twins and talking about how great to have two babies at the same time," said the CDC's Dr. Dmitry Kissin. But "these stories don't focus on the risk."

Last year, about 124,000 babies were twins — about 1 of every 31 births, the same as a decade ear-

lier. The rate peaked at 1 in 29 in 2014.

The CDC did not release figures on triplets or other multiple births but said data suggests it's trending the same way.

Why the decline? Experts can't say for sure. But Joyce Martin, the report's lead author, noted the decrease occurred only in white women and in women 30 or older. Those women are the biggest customers of expensive in vitro fertilization treatments, which are involved in roughly 15% of multiple births. And there's been a shift in how that technique is done.

In vitro fertilization involves surgically removing eggs from a woman's ovaries, combining them with sperm in the laboratory and transferring the days-old embryo to the woman's uterus.

More than a decade ago, it was standard to implant two or more embryos to improve the chances of success. But that also greatly increased the odds of more than one baby.

Since then, there have been advances in growing embryos longer in the lab and testing them for genetic problems. That's allowed doctors to select the best single

embryo to use, said Dr. Aaron Styer, an infertility treatment specialist in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The success rate for one embryo rose from about 20% in the 1980s to around 50% today, he said. Meanwhile, insurers and medical organizations increasingly have been pushing doctors to transfer single embryos more often.

Patients have bought into it. They understand that's the ideal pregnancy, Styer said.

Today, about two-thirds of IVF procedures use one embryo, according to the CDC's Kissin.

New abortion clinic being built in Illinois to serve larger region

By JIM SALTER

Associated Press

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, Ill. — Planned Parenthood has quietly been building a new abortion clinic in Illinois, just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, as women concerned about the uncertain future of Missouri's sole abortion clinic flock across the state line.

The 18,000-square-foot clinic in Fairview Heights, 12 miles east of St. Louis, will provide abortion services as well as family planning when it opens in mid-October, Planned Parenthood officials said at a news conference last week.

"While health care access in Missouri continues to hang on by a thread, Illinois is well-positioned to serve as a health care hub in the region," said Yamsel Rodriguez, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri.

Planned Parenthood has been battling Missouri's health department for months to try and keep open its St. Louis clinic. The state has refused to renew its license to perform abortions, citing con-

cerns that include "failed abortions" that required additional surgeries.

Missouri's Administrative Hearing Commission is deciding the fate of the St. Louis clinic.

Meanwhile, Missouri women have been increasingly getting abortions at the Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City, Ill., another St. Louis suburb. Deputy Director Alison Dreith said 58 percent of the abortions performed at the Hope Clinic through August of this year involved Missouri women and 37 percent were women from Illinois.

Missouri is among several conservative states to pass new restrictions on abortions in the hope that the increasingly conservative U.S. Supreme Court will eventually overturn Roe v. Wade. Republican Gov. Mike Parson signed legislation in May banning abortions at or beyond eight weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for medical emergencies but not for rape or incest.

A federal judge in August temporarily blocked implementation of the law until the legal challenge plays out in court, which could take several months.

During an annual inspection



JIM SALTER/AP

A new abortion clinic quietly being built by Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights, Ill., is expected to also serve women in nearby St. Louis, where another clinic faces an uncertain future.

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of the St. Louis clinic in March, Missouri health investigators cited numerous concerns, including reports of failed abortions.

Planned Parenthood said it

has already addressed those concerns and defended its clinic. It claims the state is using the licensing process as an excuse to stop abortions. The state initially

let the clinic's abortion license lapse at the end of May, then announced more definitively in June that it would not renew the license.

The clinic remains open while the hearing commission decides its fate.

Planned Parenthood officials say construction of the Fairview Heights clinic began last year, but details weren't released until near completion to avoid protesters and potential construction delays.

Former President Jimmy Carter has black eye, stitches after fall

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Former President Jimmy Carter had a black eye and 14 stitches after falling Sunday at his Georgia home, but he made it to an evening concert in Tennessee to rally volunteers ahead of his 36th homebuilding project for Habitat for Humanity.

The 39th president fell earlier in the day at his home in Plains and required the stitches above his brow. By Sunday evening, Carter was on stage at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville with his wife, Rosalynn, 92, to talk to volunteers and sup-

porters of the building project that runs through Friday.

Carter turned 95 on Oct. 1, becoming the first former U.S. president to reach that milestone.

He told the crowd Sunday evening that he had to go to the hospital and get 14 stitches, "but I had a No. 1 priority and that was to come to Nashville and build houses."

Carter wore an Atlanta Braves baseball cap, but his left eye was swollen and bruised and he had a white bandage above his eye.

The Carters were introduced by country stars Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, who called the Carters the hardest-work-

ing volunteers and sang some duets during the concert and ceremony.

Rosalynn Carter praised the country music couple for volunteering at previous Habitat for Humanity building projects, saying she once saw Yearwood way up in the rafters of a home working hard during construction.

Former President Carter then joked, "While Garth just watched her," drawing laughs from the crowd and from Yearwood. Carter seemed to be in good spirits and came out a short time later on stage to point to his baseball cap and mention that the Braves held the St. Louis Cardinals that day as well.

Twenty-one homes are scheduled to be built in a neighborhood in Nashville.

The concert also featured performances by Melinda Doolittle, the Pisk Jubilee Singers and members of the Nashville Symphony Quartet.

Carter survived a dire cancer diagnosis in 2015 and surpassed George H.W. Bush as the longest-lived former U.S. president in history last spring.

Carter also has been accepting visits from several 2020 presidential candidates of late, but he's held back on endorsing any of his fellow Democrats, offering few clues about his thoughts of the campaign.

WORLD

Army replaced in volatile Baghdad area

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister on Monday ordered the police to replace the army in a heavily populated Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad where dozens of people were killed or wounded in weekend clashes stemming from anti-government protests, the military said.

Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi gave the order after a week of violence that gripped Iraq left more than 100 dead and thousands wounded.

Since Oct. 1, spontaneous rallies have erupted in Baghdad and a number of southern cities by Iraqis demanding jobs, better basic services such as electricity

and water and an end to endemic corruption. Security forces have responded with live ammunition and tear gas to quell the protests.

The unrest is the most serious challenge facing Iraq two years after the victory against Islamic State militants. The chaos also comes at a critical time for the government, which has been caught in the middle of increasing tensions between Iran and the U.S. in the region. Iraq is allied with both countries and hosts thousands of U.S. troops as well as powerful paramilitary forces allied with Iran.

Monday's order for withdrawing the army from Sadr City appears aimed at calming tensions in the sprawling neighborhood, where populist Shiite cleric

Muqtada al-Sadr enjoys wide support.

The army statement said excessive force was used in Sadr City, adding that officers and soldiers who "carried out these wrong acts" will be held accountable.

A day after the protests began, authorities imposed a curfew and blocked the internet to try to quell the unrest. The curfew, ignored by protesters, was lifted Saturday and the internet was restored after sunset Monday.

Hundreds gathered on side streets near Sadr City, a Baghdad suburb about 2.5 miles from the central Tahrir Square, which has been the destination of demonstrators, although authorities prevented them from reaching it.

Iraqi security officials said

14 protesters were killed and 62 wounded on Sunday, many of them in Sadr City.

Baghdad streets were relatively quiet Monday with no protesters seen outside. Tahrir Square looked more like an army barracks, with a heavy military and police presence making it difficult for protesters to reach the area.

"Because of the killings, the use of live bullets and the loss of large number of people, we did not protest today," said Rasoul Saray, who took part in the demonstrations over the past week.

Protesters "will not be silent about our rights and the rights of the martyrs who were killed by the government," he added.

Portugal's Socialist Party wins election

LISBON, Portugal — Portugal's Socialist Party had little time Monday to savor its general election victory as tough negotiations for parliamentary support loomed and the economy braces for leaner times.

The center-left Socialists won Sunday's general election with 36.6% of the vote and are preparing to govern for another four years. The main opposition Social Democratic Party came second with almost 28%.

The Socialists, however, are 10 seats shy of a majority in the 230-seat parliament. To ensure that its legislation is approved, the government will need support from other parties.

Unilever vows to slash use of virgin plastics

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Consumer products giant Unilever, whose brands include Dove soaps and Lipton teas, said Monday it aims to halve its use of non-recycled plastics by 2025.

CEO Alan Jope said the plan to slash use of the so-called virgin plastics will require a "fundamental rethink" in its packaging policies. The company aims to achieve the goal by reducing its use of all plastics by 100,000 metric tons and using more recycled plastic.

Unilever previously pledged to make all its plastic packaging reusable, recyclable or compostable by 2025 and to use at least 25% recycled plastic in packaging by that year.

2 protesters charged under new mask ban

HONG KONG — Two protesters were charged Monday on violating Hong Kong's new ban on wearing masks at rallies, a move likely to add to a backlash that has thrown the semi-autonomous Chinese territory into deeper crisis.

A student, 18, and a woman, 38, were the first to be prosecuted under the ban, which came into force Saturday under sweeping emergency powers aimed at quashing violence in the protests for more democratic freedoms.

Detained early Saturday shortly after the ban took effect, the two were also charged with taking part in an unlawful assembly.

Saudis allow women to rent hotel rooms alone

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia has lifted some restrictions on women traveling in the ultraconservative Muslim kingdom, its tourism authority said Sunday, with new guidelines allowing women to rent hotel rooms without a male guardian's presence, and foreign men and women to share a room without proof of marriage.

The easing of stringent regulations governing social interactions comes after Riyadh launched its first tourist visa scheme as part of efforts to open up the country to foreign visitors and diversify its oil-reliant economy.

From The Associated Press

Climate protests block roads across Europe

By GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN — Activists with the Extinction Rebellion movement blocked major roads across major European cities Monday, kicking off a wide-ranging series of protests demanding much more urgent action against climate change.

In Berlin, about 1,000 people blocked the Grosser Stern, a traffic circle in the middle of the German capital's Tiergarten Park dominated by the landmark Victory Column. That protest began before dawn.

At Monday lunchtime, another 300 people blocked Berlin's central Potsdamer Platz, placing couches, tables, chairs and flowerpots on the road. Police said the protests were peaceful.

Members of Extinction Rebellion over the weekend set up a tent camp outside Chancellor Angela Merkel's office to prepare for the protests, reflecting dissatisfaction with a climate policy

package drawn up last month by her government.

Demonstrators playing steel drums marched through central London as they kicked off two weeks of activities designed to disrupt the city.

London police said some 135 climate activists had been arrested. Extinction Rebellion said protesters from the XR Peace group were arrested as they blocked Victoria Embankment, outside the Ministry of Defense.

Among those arrested was Sarah Lasenby, 81, a retired social worker from Oxford.

"It is imperative the government should take serious actions and put pressure on other states and global powers to radically reduce the use of fossil fuels," she said.

In Amsterdam, hundreds of demonstrators blocked a major road outside the Rijksmuseum, one of the city's most popular tourist attractions, and set up tents. The protest went ahead despite a city ban on activists gather-



MATT DUNHAM/AP

Climate protesters block Westminster Bridge leading to Britain's Parliament, rear, in central London on Monday in one of a series of protests across Europe related to climate change.

ing on the road. The protesters ignored police calls for them to move to a nearby square.

In Spain, a few dozen activists briefly chained themselves to each other and to an elevated road over a major artery in Madrid, snarling traffic during the morning rush hour. The National Police Corps said 33 activists were taken to their premises and three were arrested for resisting orders by anti-riot officers.

A few hundred other protesters camped out in 40 tents at the

gates of Spain's Ministry of Ecological Transition.

Those at the Berlin protests included activist Carola Rackete, best known as the German captain of a humanitarian rescue ship who was arrested for docking in an Italian port without authorization this year to disembark migrants rescued at sea.

"We must stay here and rebel until the government proclaims an ecological emergency and acts accordingly," Rackete said.

Japan rescues all N. Korean fishermen after collision

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese authorities said they rescued all of about 60 North Korean fishermen whose boat collided with a Japanese patrol vessel and sank Monday in an area crowded with poachers.

Coast guard officials earlier said that only about 20 North Korean crewmembers were thrown into the sea after their steel boat collided with a Japanese Fisheries Agency inspection boat in Japan's exclusive economic zone off the country's northern coast.

Officials later said they rescued far more than first thought. No one was missing.

The North Korean boat sank about half an hour after the colli-



THE 9TH REGIONAL JAPAN COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS/AP

A Japanese Fisheries Agency patrol vessel is seen at the site of its collision with a North Korean fishing boat off the northwestern coast of the Noto Peninsula, Ishikawa prefecture, Japan, on Monday.

sion in the Yamatotsu area, known as rich grounds for squid fishing northwest of the Noto Peninsula.

The North Korean boat had made an unauthorized entry into

Japan's exclusive economic zone, and the collision occurred just as the Japanese patrol boat was warning it to move out, Fisheries Agency official Satoshi Kuwaha-

ra told reporters. He said officials were investigating whether the North Korean ship was actually conducting illegal fishing and how the two ships collided.

Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Taku Eto said the North Korean boat suddenly changed course before crashing into the Japanese ship and sinking, Kyodo News agency reported.

The coast guard's regional office in Niigata said officials handed the fishermen to another North Korean boat in the area after notifying the North's rescue coordination center to arrange their way home. It said the North Korean crewmembers had no life-threatening conditions.

WORLD

Nobel Medicine prize goes to 3 for oxygen study

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Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Two Americans and a British scientist won the 2019 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for discovering how the body's cells sense and react to oxygen levels, work that has paved the way for new strategies to help anemia, cancer and other diseases, the Nobel Committee said.

Drs. William G. Kaelin Jr., of Harvard University; Gregg L. Semenza, of Johns Hopkins University; and Peter J. Ratcliffe at the Francis Crick Institute in Britain and Oxford University will share equally the \$918,000 cash award, the Karolinska Institute said.

It is the 110th prize in the category that has been awarded since 1901.

Their work has "greatly expanded our knowledge of how

physiological response makes life possible," the committee said, explaining that the scientists identified the biological machinery that regulates how genes respond to varying levels of oxygen.

That response is key to things like producing red blood cells, generating new blood vessels and fine-tuning the immune system.

The Nobel Committee said scientists are focused on developing drugs that can treat diseases by either activating or blocking the body's oxygen-sensing machinery.

The oxygen response is hijacked by cancer cells, for example, which stimulate the formation of blood vessels to help themselves grow. And people with kidney failure often get hormonal treatments for anemia, but the work of the new laureates points the way toward new treatments, Nils-Göran Larsson, of the Nobel committee, told *The Associated Press*.

Reached at his home, Kaelin



PONTUS LUNDQVIST, TT/AP

From left on the screen, Gregg L. Semenza, Peter J. Ratcliffe and William G. Kaelin Jr. are announced as winners of the Nobel Prize for medicine at a news conference in Stockholm on Monday.

said he was half-asleep Monday morning when the phone rang. It was Stockholm.

"I was aware as a scientist that if you get a phone call at 5 a.m. with too many digits, it's sometimes very good news, and my heart started racing. It was all a bit surreal," he said.

Kaelin said he isn't sure yet how he'll spend the prize money but "obviously, I'll try to put it to

some good cause."

Ratcliffe told Sweden's news agency TT on Monday that "when I started my research I also had no idea that it would result in this."

He added the impact of oxygen on cells "has not always been a trendy area to research, and some people have doubted them during the journey."

Monday's announcement

kicked off this year's Nobel Prizes. The Nobel Physics prize is handed out Tuesday, followed by the chemistry prize on Wednesday. This year's double-header Literature Prizes — one each for 2018 and 2019 — will be awarded Thursday and the Peace Prize will be announced on Friday.

The economics prize will be awarded on Oct. 14.



TAHRIER ABAYO/AP

Archaeologists work at the site of a large, 5,000-year-old city in northern Israel that was discovered during preparations for a new highway interchange near Harish, 30 miles north of Tel Aviv.

Ancient city discovered in Israel

By AMI BENTOV
Associated Press

HARISH, Israel — Israel's Antiquities Authority on Sunday said researchers have discovered the remains of a large, 5,000-year-old city that sheds new light on experts' understanding of the period.

Calling it a "cosmopolitan and planned city," the authority said the early Bronze Age settlement covered 160 acres and was home to about 6,000 people.

"In this city, we have a planned settlement with a whole net of streets and alleys and squares, and drainage installations, stor-

age installation," said Yitzhak Paz, a director of excavation on behalf of the authority.

The city was discovered during preparations for a highway interchange project near Harish, a town some 30 miles north of Tel Aviv.

Researchers said the discovery "dramatically changes" their understanding of the period — a time in which a rural, agrarian society was beginning to establish urban sites. They said residents made their living from agriculture and traded with other regions and kingdoms.

Among the discoveries was an unusual ritual temple, burnt ani-

mal bones — evidence of sacrificial offerings — and a figurine of a human head. There also were millions of pottery fragments, flint tools and stone vessels.

"The remains of residential buildings, diverse facilities and the public buildings are an indication of the organized society and the social hierarchy that existed at the time," the researchers said.

The Antiquities Authority said that during the dig, archaeologists also found evidence of an earlier settlement dating back 7,000 years underneath the city's houses.

6 elephants drown and 2 rescued at Thai ravine

Associated Press

BANGKOK — A herd of wild elephants was swept away by raging waters in a national park in Thailand, drowning six, while rangers helped steer two of the animals out of a deep ravine.

Staff at Khao Yai National Park discovered the two struggling elephants and the carcasses after dawn Saturday near the Haew Narok waterfall, also known as the Ravine of Hell.

The two elephants were trying

to reach a dead calf, park officials said.

Park rangers helped lead the two elephants from the ravine and said they will monitor their condition throughout the week. The waterfall was closed off to visitors while officials remove the carcasses.

"The two elephants right now are taking a rest. They are exhausted from trying to cross the stream," said Chananya Kanchanasuka, a veterinarian at the park.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS/AP

Two elephants are seen stuck on the edge of the Haew Narok waterfall in Khao Yai National Park in central Thailand on Saturday.

Turkey summons American diplomat over a Twitter 'like'

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey has summoned a top U.S. diplomat to protest after the U.S. Embassy's official Twitter account "liked" a tweet that said Turkey should prepare for a political era without the leader of Turkey's national party, who is reportedly ill.

The Foreign Ministry said the U.S. charge d'affaires was summoned on Sunday despite an embassy statement that said its Twitter account had liked

"an unrelated post in error" and apologized.

Many interpreted the tweet as suggesting that the nationalist leader Devlet Bahceli could soon die. The tweet was posted by a journalist Turkey accuses of belonging to a network led by a cleric who is blamed for a 2016 coup attempt.

The tweet drew ire from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's ruling party and as well as Bahceli's party, which are allies.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Private sector looking to profit from detained kids

By GARANCE BURKE
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Associated Press

SAN BENITO, Texas — On a recent day in a remodeled brick church in the Rio Grande Valley, a caregiver tried to soothe a toddler, offering him a sippy cup. The adult knew next to nothing about the little 3-year-old whose few baby words appeared to be Portuguese. Shelter staff had tried desperately to find his family, calling the Brazilian Consulate and searching Facebook.

Nearly, infants in strollers were rolled through the building, pushed by workers in bright blue shirts lettered "CHS," short for Comprehensive Health Services Inc., the private, for-profit company paid by the U.S. government to hold some of the smallest migrant children.

Sheltering migrant children has become a growing business for the Florida-based government contractor. More than 50 babies, toddlers and teens were closely watched on this day inside this clean, well-lit shelter surrounded by chain-link fences.

A joint investigation by The Associated Press and PBS' "Frontline" has found that the Trump administration has started shifting some of the caretaking of migrant children from mostly religious-based nonprofits to private, for-profit contractors.

So far, the only private company caring for migrant children is CHS, owned by Washington-area-based contractor Caliburn International Corp. In June, CHS

held more than 20% of all migrant children in government custody.

Even as the number of children has declined, the company's federal funding for their care has continued to flow. That's partly because CHS is still staffing a large Florida facility with 2,000 workers even though the last children left in August.

Administration officials say CHS is keeping the Florida shelter on standby and that they're focused on the quality of care contractors can provide, not about who profits from the work.

"It's not something that sits with me morally as a problem," said Jonathan Hayes, director of the Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Refugee Resettlement. "We're not paying them more just because they're for-profit."

Asked during a White House visit Thursday about the AP and "Frontline" investigation, Trump's health secretary, Alex Azar, pushed back and said the findings were "misleading." But he did not address the government's ongoing privatization of the care for migrant children.

Former White House chief of staff John Kelly joined Caliburn's board last spring after stepping down from decades of government service. He earlier had joined the administration as Homeland Security secretary and had backed the idea of taking children from their parents at the border, saying it would discourage people from trying to immigrate or seek asylum.

Critics say that means Kelly

now stands to financially benefit from a policy he helped create.

Houston's police chief, Art Acevedo, said Kelly, a retired general, told him firsthand that he believed enforcing a "zero tolerance" policy would serve as a deterrent.

"What's really the motivator, the deterrence or the dollar?" said Acevedo, who signed an Aug. 14 letter with dozens of law enforcement leaders asking Trump to minimize the detention of children. "I would question that if he's getting one dollar for that association."

Kelly did not respond to requests for comment. In a statement, Caliburn's president, Jim Van Dusen, said, "With four decades of military and humanitarian leadership, in-depth understanding of international affairs and knowledge of current economic drivers around the world, General Kelly is a strong strategic addition to our team."

Earlier this year, after he had left the government, Kelly was widely criticized by activists who spotted him in a golf cart at the shelter in Homestead, Fla. The facility was at last temporarily shut down in August after numerous lawmakers said holding that many children in a single facility was abusive.

Meanwhile, CHS was getting more business housing migrant children. Today it's operating six shelters, including three "tender age" shelters that can house the youngest, infants and toddlers, in the Rio Grande Valley. The company also has plans underway to



Eric Gay/AP

A migrant toddler is cradled by a Comprehensive Health Services caregiver at a for-profit facility in San Benito, Texas, on Aug. 29. The sheltering of migrant children has become a growing business.

run another 500-bed shelter in El Paso, Texas, it said.

Melissa Aguilar, the executive director of CHS' shelter care programs, said they're not separating children, they're caring for children.

"We're doing the best that we possibly can," she said. "The children are borrowed. They're borrowed for our purpose, right? So a lot of times when something is borrowed, you take care of them better than you would something that is your own."

Overall, the federal government spent a record \$3.5 billion caring for migrant children over the past two years to run its shelters through both contracts and grants.

During that time, CHS rapidly moved into the business of caring for migrant children, an AP analysis of federal data found.

So far this budget year, the Office of Refugee Resettlement funded 46 organizations running more than 165 shelters and foster programs to care for more than 67,000 migrant children either separated from their parents or caregivers at the border or who came to the U.S. on their own.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 8)	\$1.1280
Dollar buys (Oct. 8)	€0.8865
British pound (Oct. 8)	\$1.26
Japanese yen (Oct. 8)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 8)	1,165.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2324
Canada (Dollar)	1.3300
China (Yuan)	7.1485
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Egypt (Pound)	16.2795
Euro	\$1.0993/0.9097
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8447
Hungary (Forint)	303.26
Israel (Shekel)	3.5125
Japan (Yen)	106.95
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3041
Norway (Krone)	9.1269
Philippines (Peso)	51.97
Poland (Zloty)	3.94
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3607
South Korea (Won)	1,186.39
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9942
Thailand (Baht)	35.44
Turkey (Lira)	6.7537

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Prime rate	5.00
Discount rate	2.50
Federals funds market rate	2.85
3-month bill	1.66
30-year bond	2.01

WEATHER OUTLOOK



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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Jurors mull ex-police chief's hate crime trial

NJ CAMDEN — A jury was to resume deliberations Monday in the federal trial of a white former New Jersey police chief accused of slamming a handcuffed black man's head into a doorjamb three years ago.

Authorities allege that Frank Nucera, 62, the former Borden-town Township police chief, approached the 18-year-old prisoner from behind in September 2016 and smashed his head into a doorjamb while the suspect was being escorted from a hotel.

They allege a fellow officer then recorded him making a series of derogatory comments.

City may outlaw natural hair discrimination

OH CINCINNATI — A city council member in Cincinnati wants to prohibit discrimination against natural hair and hairstyles associated with race.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Cincinnati City Councilman Chris Seelbach has proposed that natural hair be added to the city's discrimination policy.

Seelbach said people of color have been forced to regard popular natural hairstyles such as cornrows or dreadlocks as liabilities in the workplace, housing and elsewhere. He said black women are especially penalized.

The proposed law would call for the city to investigate complaints of discrimination and allow fines of up to \$1,000.

Gunman opens fire outside bar; 5 hurt

IN EVANSVILLE — Police said a gunman wounded five people when he opened fire outside an Evansville bar after being thrown out because of a fight.

Three of those wounded were hospitalized with serious injuries from the shooting about 3 a.m. Sunday, while the other two suffered minor injuries and declined treatment. Police said officers arrested a 37-year-old man who witnesses said fired the shots at an American Legion post near downtown Evansville.

Police said the man was in the parking lot when the person he was fighting with went outside with a group of people. The man fired into the group, with bullets also hitting four vehicles.

Police: 2 dead after nightclub shootout

TX HOUSTON — Police in Houston said two people were killed in an early morning shootout in front of a crowded nightclub.

Houston Police spokesman Sgt. Anthony Turner said a fight broke out between two women inside the club and spilled out into the parking lot where a shootout between multiple people occurred about 1:50 a.m. Sunday.

Officers later found the bodies of a man and a woman in the parking lot. Turner said another



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

Pixelated poser

An attendee dressed as a pixelated video game character poses during New York Comic Con at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York on Saturday.

man with gunshot wounds was taken to a local hospital and was expected to survive.

Turner said people were shooting "recklessly" into the crowd and that anybody in the parking lot could have been shot.

Death of toddler who fell at airport probed

NC CHARLOTTE — Officials and law enforcement authorities in North Carolina are investigating the death of a toddler who was seriously injured when he fell last month at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

The Charlotte Observer reported that Jaiden Samir Cowart, 3, died Sept. 28, three days after the fall involving an escalator.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department told the newspaper the boy was taken to a hospital after the accident.

Spokesman Blake Page said the department's homicide unit is reviewing the case.

Mayor: Deal reached to keep Preakness in city

MD BALTIMORE — Baltimore officials and the owners of the historic race track that hosts the Preakness Stakes have reached an agreement to keep the Triple Crown

THE CENSUS

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The number of times a Madison, Wis., man has been arrested for a drunken driving offense. A deputy stopped the 56-year-old man at about 12:30 a.m. Monday in the town of Blooming Grove. Authorities got a warrant to have his blood drawn at a hospital, and he was booked into the county jail on a felony drunken driving charge and a parole violation. He was also cited for having open alcohol in his vehicle and driving with a revoked license.

series' middle jewel in the city.

The agreement, which is subject to approval of the General Assembly during its next session, ends a bitter dispute between owner The Stronach Group and the city over the future of Pimlico Race Course.

Located in northwest Baltimore, the second-oldest track in America has been home to the famed annual race since 1909 but it is in need of a major overhaul, which has previously been estimated to cost nearly half a billion dollars.

Long-lost sculpture returned to library

CA LOS ANGELES — A bronze sculpture that mysteriously disappeared from the Los Angeles Central Library 50 years ago has returned to its original home.

One of three panels of the Well of Scribes was unveiled at the downtown library Friday, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The sculpture depicting writers from different cultures vanished in 1969 when the library underwent a renovation.

The story of its disappearance was revived in Susan Orlean's 2018 novel "The Library Book," which inspired Alta magazine's managing editor to investigate its whereabouts.

An article published in the magazine's July edition caught the attention of an antiques dealer in Arizona who bought the panel from a woman for \$500 years earlier. Floyd Lillard, of Bisbee, Ariz., recognized the sculpture in question, contacted the library and gave it back.

2 hurt as small plane crashes in Everglades

FL PORT LAUDERDALE — A single-engine plane crashed in the Everglades in western Broward County on Saturday, injuring two men who were on board, officials said.

The crash of the Champion

7ECA aircraft happened at 4:15 p.m. about 5 miles west of Pembroke Pines in an area accessible only by airboats.

One of the men had to be extricated from the plane, said Pembroke Pines Fire-Rescue Assistant Division Chief Marcel Rodriguez.

He said both victims were in serious condition when they were taken to Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood.

Driver making food delivery shot, killed

NJ PATERSON — Authorities said a food delivery driver was shot to death while making a delivery in New Jersey.

Passaic County prosecutors and Paterson police said Petra Rhoden, 43, was found in her crashed car with an apparent gunshot wound about 10:20 p.m. Friday. She died shortly afterward at St. Joseph's University Medical Center.

Authorities said Rhoden had just made a DoorDash food delivery at an address when she was shot.

They said she tried to drive off but crashed a short distance away, her vehicle going through a fence and striking a shed.

From wire reports

FACES

Something to smile about

'Joker' sets October record at box office with \$93.5M

Associated Press

The filmmakers and studio behind "Joker" have reason to put on a happy face. Despite concerns over its violent themes and ramped up theater security, audiences flocked to the multiplex to check out the R-rated film this weekend resulting in a record October opening.

Warner Bros. said Sunday that "Joker" grossed an estimated \$93.5 million in ticket sales from 4,374 screens in North America. The previous October record-holder was the Spider-Man spinoff "Venom" which opened to \$80 million last year. Internationally, "Joker" earned \$140.5 million from 73 markets, resulting in a stunning \$234 million global debut.

"This was a much larger result at the box office than we had ever anticipated globally," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution. "We're just thrilled that audiences are embracing the movie as strong as they are."

Since debuting at the Venice Film Festival where it won the prestigious Golden Lion last month, "Joker" has been both praised and criticized for its dark spin on the classic Batman villain played by Joaquin Phoenix. The film from director and co-

writer Todd Phillips was always seen as a bit of a gamble with one of the studios' most valuable pieces of intellectual property, hence its modest-for-atomic-book-film \$55 million budget.

But in the weeks leading up to its release, hype and uneasiness intensified beyond how audiences would react to placing this character in a realistic and unambiguously adult setting with "Taxi Driver" undertones. Multiple theater chains banned costumes or reaffirmed earlier policies regarding masks, and authorities in numerous cities said they were stepping up police patrols around theaters. These measures did not ultimately seem to detract audiences from turning out opening weekend.

"Joker" was the only new wide release this weekend, which is down from last year when both "Venom" and "A Star Is Born" opened. Holdovers populated the top 10: The more family-friendly "Abominable" landed in second place with \$12 million in its second weekend and "Downton Abbey" took third in its third weekend with \$8 million.

In fourth place, "Hustlers" added \$6.3 million in its fourth weekend for a cumulative \$91.3 million. "It Chapter Two" added \$5.4 million in its fifth weekend for a cumulative \$202.2 million.



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Joaquin Phoenix stars in "Joker," which exceeded expectations for its opening weekend after stirring up controversy over violent themes.

Cream drummer Ginger Baker dies

Ginger Baker, the volatile and propulsive drummer for Cream and other bands who wielded blues power and jazz finesse and helped shatter boundaries of time, tempo and style in popular music, died Sunday at age 80, his family said.

With blazing eyes, orange-red hair and a temperament to match, the London native ranked with The Who's Keith Moon and Led Zeppelin's John Bonham as the embodiment of musical and personal fury. Using twin bass drums, Baker fashioned a pounding, poly-rhythmic style uncommonly swift and heavy that inspired and intimidated countless musicians. But every beat seemed to mirror an offstage eruption — whether his violent dislike of Cream bandmate Jack Bruce or his on-camera assault of a documentary maker, Jurg Bulgur, whom he smacked in the nose with his walking stick.

His daughter Nettie confirmed that Baker died in Britain but gave no other details. The family had said on Sept. 25 that Baker was critically ill in the hospital.

While Rolling Stone magazine once ranked him the third-greatest rock drummer of all time, behind Moon and Bonham, Baker had contempt for Moon and others he dismissed as "bashers" without style or background. Baker and his many admirers saw him as a rounded, sophisticated musician — an arranger, composer and student of the craft, absorbing sounds from around the world. He had been playing jazz since he was a teenager and spent years in Africa in the 1970s, forming a close friendship with the Nigerian musician-activist Fela Kuti.

"He was so unique and had such a distinctive personality," Stewart Copeland of the Police told *Rolling Stone* in 2013. "Nobody



Ginger Baker in 2008

else followed in his footsteps. Everybody tried to be John Bonham and copy his licks, but it's rare that you hear anybody doing the Ginger Baker thing."

Baker teamed with Eric Clapton and Bruce in the mid-1960s to become Cream — one of the first supergroups and first power trios. All three were known individually in the London blues scene and together they helped make rock history by elevating instrumental prowess above the songs themselves, even as they had hits with "Sunshine of Your Love," "I Feel Free" and "White Room."

Cream was among the most successful acts of its time, selling more than 10 million records. But by 1968 Baker and Bruce had worn each other out. Cream split up at the end of the year.

To the surprise of many, especially Clapton, he and Baker were soon part of another supergroup, Blind Faith, which also featured singer-keyboardist Steve Winwood and bassist Rick Grech.

It split up after completing just one, self-titled album.

Baker continued to perform regularly in his 70s despite arthritis, heart trouble, hearing loss dating from his years with Cream and lung disease from smoking. A stranger to no vice, immorality included, he called his memoir "Hellraiser: The Autobiography of the World's Greatest Drummer."

From The Associated Press

Spanish director Almodovar plans to set film in Texas, his first in US

Associated Press

Pedro Almodovar is a master of cinema who has found international acclaim with 21 films he's shot in his native Spain. Now he's setting his sights on making his first film in North America.

Almodovar said the film is set in Texas and would be mostly in English, with some bilingual scenes shot in Mexico.

The director said he has the story mapped out in a first draft of the script and while some work still needs to be done, he's planning that it will be his next film. "I can't say the title yet, but I can say it is based on five stories by an American female author and that it happens partly in Texas and partly in Mexico," he told The Associated Press. "It would be the first time that I get out of Spain."

Almodovar's latest feature, "Pain and Glory," was released last week in the U.S. The highly autobiographical drama stars Antonio Banderas as an aging film director who flirts with drugs and has to confront his own past while reflecting on his life and career. It has been hailed as one of his best movies in recent years and won Banderas the best actor award at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

It is also Spain's submission to the Oscars for best international feature film, the category formerly known as best foreign language film. If it wins, it would be exactly 20 years after Almodovar's "All About My Mother" received the award. (The filmmaker also won the best original screenplay Oscar in 2003 for "Talk to Her.")

Michelle Obama's next book a companion to 'Becoming'

Michelle Obama's first book since "Becoming" is more about her readers than about herself.

"Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice" will be published Nov. 19 by Clarkson Potter, an imprint of Penguin Random House. The new release was announced Monday and is a companion to her multimillion-selling "Becoming," which came out last November. It features an introduction by the former first lady and quotations and questions related to her memoir. It is designed to help readers tell their own stories.

In the new book's introduction, Obama writes that she hopes the journal will encourage people to write down their "experiences, thoughts, and feelings, in all their imperfections, and without judgment."

Toni Morrison book planned

A book of Toni Morrison quotations is coming out in December.

"The Measure of Our Lives: A Gathering of Wisdom" will draw from her whole body of work, including celebrated novels such as "Beloved" and "Song of Solomon."

The foreword is by Zadie Smith, adapted from a tribute she wrote soon after the Nobel laureate died in August at age 88.

A publisher's note describes the book as a distillation of her major themes, including "transcendence through imagination; the self and its discontents; the vicissitudes of love; the whirligig of memory; the singular power of women; the original American sin of slavery; the bankruptcy of racial oppression; the complex humanity; and art of black people."

The compact, 128-page compilation was put together by Erroll McDonald, executive editor and vice president of the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group. He told The Associated Press on Monday that he thought of the book as a response to the "tremendous adulation" that Morrison received after her death. He intends "The Measure of Our Lives" to serve as an introduction for new readers and an "ideal keepsake" for longtime admirers.

Other news

■ **Zac Hanson** of the pop music band Hanson is recovering following recent a motorcycle crash in Oklahoma. The 33-year-old Hanson said in posts on Twitter, Facebook and the band's website that he is recovering after suffering a broken collarbone, three broken ribs and a cracked scapula. Details of the crash were not revealed, but Hanson said he was preparing for a cross-country ride. Hanson said he will be replaced as drummer during an upcoming tour but will sing.

■ "Jersey Shore" star **Ronnie Ortiz-Magro** was arrested early Oct. 4 on suspicion of kidnapping in Los Angeles and had to be shocked with a stun gun while being taken into custody, police said. Ortiz-Magro was taken into custody after police responded to a report of a physical altercation in the Hollywood Hills, police Officer Jeff Lee said.

■ **Tenor Marcello Giordani**, renowned for a voice of beauty and heft that made him a star at the world's top opera houses, died Oct. 5 of a heart attack. He was 56.

SHIFTING GEARS



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Porsche's Cayenne E-Hybrid electrifies the soul

By LARRY PRINTZ
Tribune News Service

Owning gas stations right now is a lot like being a blacksmith in 1890; there's a change coming. We are all about to do the electric slide, with the internal combustion engine giving way to a technology discovered by Benjamin Franklin.

In between advertisements, you may have noticed that Porsche's new all-electric four-door sedan, the Taycan, is about to arrive in showrooms. Despite being an electric vehicle, the first two models will be known as the Taycan Turbo and Taycan Turbo S — even though neither possesses a gasoline engine, never mind the need for a turbocharger.

I have no doubt that the Taycan will soon be the environmentally conscious electric vehicle to own among the wealthy 1 percent. It's a remarkable vehicle — but it should be given its \$150,900 base price.

If that's too much, you can still buy an electrified Porsche for less, but you'll have to add a little gasoline now and then. If that doesn't bother you, then I heartily recommend the Porsche Cayenne E-Hybrid, which starts at \$82,450 — a 55% discount from the Taycan while still providing some green cred.

Since Porsche has been electrifying vehicles for a decade — it unveiled the first

Cayenne Hybrid in 2010 — this is one gas-sipper that will truly electrify your soul. For the third-generation Cayenne E-Hybrid, Porsche takes the Cayenne's base 335-horsepower, turbocharged, 3.0-liter V-6 and adds an improved 100 kW electric motor that moves this hybrid to 60 mph in 4.7 seconds through an eight-speed Tiptronic transmission.

For 2020, it gets even better with the ar-

rival of the Turbo S E-Hybrid with a twin-turbocharged, 4.0-liter, V-8 and 100 kW electric motor that produces 670 horsepower and 663 pound-feet of torque that reduces a 0-60 mph sprint to 3.6 seconds. The top speed is 183 mph, and all-wheel drive is standard. The EPA rates the Cayenne E-Hybrid at the equivalent of 46 mpg in hybrid mode, 22 mpg in gas-only mode and 13 miles in EV-only mode.

Of course, keep in mind that adding performance was Porsche's top priority, not delivering unbeatable fuel economy. So it's no surprise that the Sport Chrono Package is standard and has four drive modes: E-Power, Hybrid Auto, Sport and Sport Plus.

The E-Hybrid always starts in E-Power mode and prioritizes electric driving. It even has an "E-Launch" function that allows you to press the brake and accelerator, accelerating in pure electric when the brake pedal is released.

Meanwhile, Sport and Sport Plus modes prioritizes the battery's power for a boost, while Hybrid Auto mode is best for most daily driving. Thoughtfully, it contains an E-Hold mode that keeps the battery charged for later pure electric driving. In E-Charge mode, the gasoline engine charges the battery.

Driving the Porsche Cayenne E-Hybrid with its base powertrain reveals remarkable acceleration whether in hybrid or EV modes. Turning the drive mode to Sport or Sport Plus provides noticeably more ag-

gressive response with the Cayenne prioritizing performance over parsimony, with the exhaust note singing a song so sweet, you'll roll down the windows as I did just to hear it.

That said, if you just need a quick burst of power and you're in Hybrid Auto mode, pressing the Sport Response Button in the middle of the mode switch temporarily adjusts all settings to their most aggressive for 20 seconds. Sweet!

Porsche's Active Suspension Management is standard and does the same remarkable job it does in other Cayennes. Porsche dynamic chassis control, which electronically adjusts the anti-roll bars to reduce lateral body movement in the corners, is optional, as are carbon ceramic brakes.

Throw in rear-axle steering and you'll find that the Cayenne E-Hybrid is a blast to drive on winding, two-lane roads. An air suspension is optional, and allows you to transform the Cayenne from a canyon carver to a cushy cruiser in seconds.

As for the interior, you'll find it's much the same as in other Cayennes. Its digital instrument cluster is anchored by a large tachometer, while the 12.3-inch infotainment touch screen is easier to use than ever.

It makes for an intoxicating electrified SUV, one that's fun to drive despite its practical packaging.

After all, it's a Porsche.

Porsche Cayenne E-Hybrid



Engine/motor: Turbocharged, 3.0-liter V-6
Horsepower/torque: 455/516 pound-feet
Base price: \$82,450
EPA fuel economy (combined): 46 mpg-e
Cargo capacity: 22.7-56.8 cubic feet
Wheelbase/length/width: 113.9/193.6/78 inches

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OPINION

Trump settled scores through Ukraine

By DAVID IGNATIUS

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Through all of President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine, he has rarely focused on the job for which he was elected — steering the foreign policy of the United States. Instead, for Trump, Ukraine has been a continuing story of personal resentment and political opportunism.

A narrative of the Ukraine affair — drawn from conversations with some of the principals, text messages released by the House and other documentation — solidly supports the claim of the still-anonymous CIA whistleblower that “the president of the United States is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election.”

Ukraine is a chip on Trump's shoulder. He saw Ukrainian allegations in 2016 about his then-campaign Chairman Paul Manafort as part of a plot to undermine his bid for the White House, and then reversed the election result through what Trump keeps insisting is a “witch hunt.”

So when Trump saw an opportunity to turn the tables and use Ukraine against former Vice President Joe Biden, his leading rival in 2020, he grabbed it. As the narrative shows, he bent the tools of his office to his personal political purpose.

Biden deserves some blame too. He used poor judgment as vice president in directing Ukraine policy while his son Hunter was working for the Ukrainian gas company, Burisma. Either the son should have quit, or the father should have shut up. Denying this obvious fact only weakens the Democrats' case.

Trump cared little about Ukraine's bat-

tle against Russian proxy forces. But he softened when then-President Petro Poroshenko visited the White House in June 2017 and offered to buy what became \$80 million in Pennsylvania coal.

The coal purchase rang a political bell for Trump. In July 2017, he announced the appointment of Kurt Volker, an experienced diplomat, as special U.S. envoy to Ukraine. Volker began meeting quietly with a Russian emissary to explore a deal to stabilize eastern Ukraine. But that proved a dead end.

At then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis' urging, Trump decided in December 2017 to sell 210 Javelin anti-tank missiles to Ukraine. Former officials say that for Trump, it was more a matter of marketing U.S. weapons abroad than taking a firm stand against Russia.

By 2018, the White House had become obsessed with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian election interference. “Trump had a deeply negative image of Ukraine. They're all corrupt, and they tried to take me down,” recalls the former State Department official.

Sensing the political resentment, Poroshenko apparently decided to remove an irritant. A May 2018 story in The New York Times reported that Ukraine had halted its investigation of Manafort and its cooperation with Mueller.

After the Mueller investigation finally concluded in April, Trump and his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani saw Ukraine as a place to settle political scores — and perhaps damage Biden. The pliant Poroshenko had been replaced by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, elected that month. A new influence game began. Trump froze \$391 million in military aid in July, just as Zelenskyy was dickering for a meeting.

Trump's ‘favor’ does more than Biden's threat

By KATHLEEN PARKER

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It's fair to say at this juncture that America's Quid and Ukraine's Quo have been caught in a trap together.

The fevered search for a damning quid pro quo since the White House released a readout of Donald Trump's July 25 telephone call to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy — in which Trump requested an investigation into Joe Biden and his son Hunter — has proved productive.

A series of text messages provided to Congress by former U.S. Special Envoy for Ukraine Kurt Volker irrefutably shows a clear quid pro quo. Full stop. Contrary to White House assertions, the congressionally approved military aid that Trump was unilaterally withholding at the time (and an invitation to the White House) was being used as leverage for pushing Zelenskyy to conduct an investigation into the Bidens.

In a 2018 speech before the Council on Foreign Relations, Biden recounted telling former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in December 2015 that the U.S. would withhold a \$1 billion loan guarantee if then-Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin wasn't removed from office. It was believed by both American and European officials at the time that anti-corruption efforts had become sluggish under Shokin.

Said Biden: “I looked at them and said, ‘I'm leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money.’ Well, son of a b---. He got fired. And they put in place someone who was solid at the time.”

Biden's diplomatic triumph seemed to come at a propitious time for Burisma Holdings, a natural gas company for which Hunter Biden was serving as a board member. This potential conflict of interest is the basis for Trump's consuming obsession with the Bidens and Ukraine.

Burisma had been under investigation, but for activities before Hunter Biden joined the company's board in 2014. Instead, it was under Shokin that the investigation into the company stalled. In 2015, the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine decried Shokin's laggardly attention to corruption throughout the country, and Shokin's ouster was greeted by Western diplomats as a victory.

Most, if not all, of what Trump thinks he knows about the Bidens and Ukraine has come from his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, who reportedly has been all over the map, from Madrid to Warsaw to Paris, working back channels and coaxing Ukrainian prosecutors to investigate a conspiracy commensurate with the president's appetite for same.

Giuliani's conclusion and, therefore, Trump's, is that the Bidens were in cahoots to issue \$1 billion in loan guarantees in exchange for Shokin's firing, thus putting an end to the Burisma investigation. Judging from Washington Post interviews with some of these prosecutors — and with other Ukraine experts — it's possible that Giuliani was being fed information by Ukrainian officials that may or may not have been true as a means of carrying favor with Giuliani (and by extension Trump), thereby enhancing their own political status within Ukraine's power structure.

Such Byzantine calculations remind us

Trump wanted something very personal and political before he would offer to end the investigation. Hoping to break the logjam, Volker had breakfast July 19 with Giuliani and introduced him to a close Zelenskyy adviser.

Volker also warned Giuliani that the allegations about Biden were based on an unreliable informant, according to the State Department official. What's astonishing is that Giuliani responded, “Yes, I know that,” said this source. But the plan to impugn the former vice president went forward anyway.

Despite Trump's fluff about how his July 25 call with Zelenskyy was “perfect,” it was a naked power play. According to the rough transcript released by the White House, Zelenskyy said, “We are almost ready to buy more Javelins,” and Trump responded immediately, “I would like you to do us a favor, though.” Trump then meandered through conspiratorial talk about Ukraine's role in 2016, the “incompetent” Mueller, and finally, Biden and his son.

Was Trump proposing a transaction? That's what William Taylor, the top U.S. diplomat in Kyiv, asked in a Sept. 1 text to Volker and Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union: “Are we now saying that security assistance and WH meetings are conditioned on investigations?” To which Sondland responded obliquely: “Call me.”

The Ukraine story, like everything about that country, has a gnarled, murky past. But this one isn't complicated, really. The president linked support for an embattled ally to what he called “a favor” that would help him attack political opponents. If this “behavior is acceptable, there really are no rules left.”

that quids and quos come in a wide variety of flavors and textures, some tastier than others.

So far, no strong evidence has emerged that the Bidens did anything wrong, but the optics aren't pretty for Joe or his son. Perhaps Hunter was just a guy and who was naive (or proud) enough to believe that he was tapped for the Burisma board on his merits. Maybe he really believes that his father was then vice president of the United States and the point man for the Obama administration's Ukrainian policy — pushing for increased gas production while withholding monetary backing until Shokin was fired — had nothing to do with anything at all.

But it's at least as likely that Hunter was knowingly profiting from his father's position. He was paid as much as \$50,000 a month to sit on the board of a company in an industry in which he had no experience. And he got the job just as his father was urging Ukraine to increase its gas production.

Perception is everything in politics, columnists tend to say about now. Depending upon one's politics, Trump's leveraged “favor” may not seem any worse than Biden's threat to withhold loan guarantees until another official was fired. But there is a difference. What Biden sought had international backing, and the loan guarantees were always tied to anti-corruption measures. What Trump did jeopardized our global diplomatic position and put Ukraine's future in peril — all for personal political advantage. Trump's abuse of power has invited criminal prosecution across within Ukraine's power structure.

Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

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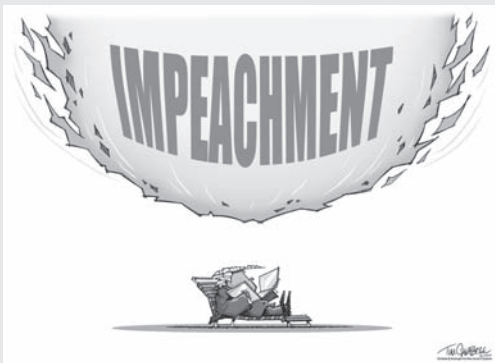
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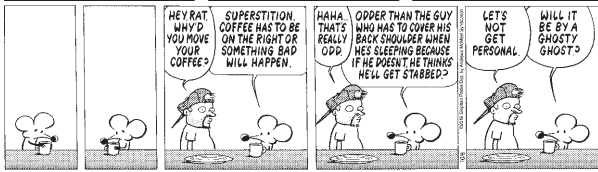
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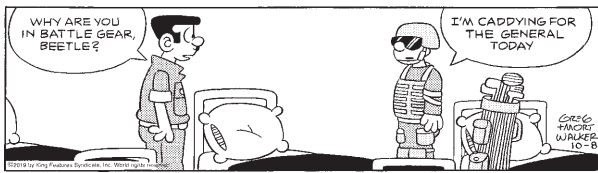
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- 21 Apr. check casher
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- 23 Flood protection
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- 31 Snoop
- 32 La-la lead-in
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- 36 Socially awkward
- 38 Spinning stat
- 39 Prom rental
- 40 Sneeze sound
- 43 "Sea" that's really a lake
- 47 Type of slip or analysis
- 49 Waffle brand
- 50 Wheelchair access
- 51 "Life of Pi" director Lee
- 52 Not single-sex
- 53 Kimono sashes
- 54 Ultramodernist
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- 1 Rabbit's title
- 2 Ballet attire
- 3 "Wild Blue Yonder" mil. group
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- 5 Deep sleeps
- 6 Country singer Jackson
- 7 Pester
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- 11 Hereditary unit
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Larson flashes superstar potential in playoff win

Ganassi driver ends 2-year, 75-race winless drought

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Kyle Larson was the can't-miss future star who tore up the sprint car circuit and would lead a new generation of young stars into the next era of NASCAR.

His promise yet unfulfilled, Larson's path toward prominence has been slow burning in six-plus years in the Cup Series. He's been saddled with mediocre cars that not even his raw talent could salvage, and a fantastic 2017 was more a blip than a sign Larson would blossom into a perennial championship contender.

But as Larson stood atop his Chevy with a two-year winless streak behind him, perhaps his playoff victory Sunday at Dover International Speedway was indeed a preview of a championship celebration ahead.

"It's not a shock," Larson said. "We've been running really well this year."

Larson's wife, Katelyn, shot-gunned a beer in a sudsy victory lane bash as he flashed a No. 1 sign behind her, a worthy



Jason Minter/AP

Kyle Larson celebrates his win on Sunday at the Monster Mile in Dover, Del.

'Everybody in this playoff field is going to be stressing next week at Talladega except for me, so that's good.'

Kyle Larson

NASCAR driver, after earning an automatic berth in the third round of the playoffs

way to end a 75-race winless streak.

The 27-year-old Larson has been oh-so close toward grabbing the checkered flag since his last win Sept. 9, 2017, in Richmond. He had nine runner-up finishes over that span and won the \$1 million NASCAR All-Star race this season.

He cashed in at Dover with the Monster Mile-stone win (it was the track's 100th race) that earned him an automatic berth into the third round. Not only has Larson failed to win a title, long-time team owner Chip Ganassi has never won a NASCAR Cup Series championship, something that's surely capped an organization with handfuls of IndyCar titles.

Playoff drivers took the top six spots: Martin Truex Jr. was second, followed by Alex Bowman, Kevin Harvick, Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch. Chase Elliott and reigning series champion Joey Logano both suffered serious blows to their championship runs with a rough start to the second

round.

Larson escaped the first round without any serious drama and can now head toward treacherous Talladega and then Kansas to end the second round without any serious concerns. He's the first driver of the 12 contenders in the field of eight.

"Everybody in this playoff field is going to be stressing next week at Talladega except for me, so that's good," Larson said.

Larson was expected to help bridge the gap between grassroots racing and NASCAR when Ganassi hired him before the 2012 season, prompting Tony Stewart—who also started his career on dirt tracks in open wheel cars—to guaranteed Larson would be the next big thing in NASCAR.

"If not, you can take everything I own, because I'm that confident," Stewart said years ago. "It's not a matter of if, it's when."

Larson's not there yet—but just maybe he's getting there.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference										Sunday										
Atlantic Division										Hurricanes 4, Lightning 3 (OT)										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				Tampa Bay	1	1	1	0	3					
Toronto	2	2	0	0	4	14	10				Carolina	1	1	1	0	2				
Detroit	2	2	0	0	4	3	1				First Period—1, Carolina, Pesce (Peschke, McCrinn); 1:14, 2, Tampa Bay, Johnson 1 (Hedman); 2:32, 3, Tampa Bay, Johnson 2 (Gardner); 3:00, 4, Tampa Bay, (pp), 4, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 2, 17:44.									
Boston	2	2	0	0	4	3	1				Second Period—5, Carolina, Haula 3 (Sechurn, McCrinn); 10:00, 6, Tampa Bay, Johnson 3 (Gardner); 10:00, 7, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 2, 17:44.									
Buffalo	2	2	0	0	4	10	7				Third Period—6, Carolina, Haula 3 (Sechurn, McCrinn); 10:00, 7, Tampa Bay, Johnson 3 (Gardner); 10:00, 8, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 2, 17:44.									
Montreal	2	2	0	0	4	3	9				Over time—6, Carolina, Slavin 2 (Stall, 15:3).									
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0	4	1	10				Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 11-2-13 (3 shots-29 saves), Carolina 10-10-13 (3 shots-29 saves).									
Florida	2	2	0	0	4	2	6				Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 1 of 4; Carolina 2 of 5.									
Ottawa	2	2	0	0	4	2	9				Goalies—Tampa Bay, McElhinney 0-0 (3 shots-29 saves), Carolina, Mrazek 2-0 (1-10, 13).									
Metropolitan Division										A-14,125 (18,680). T-2:39.										
Carolina	3	3	0	0	6	11	8				Islanders 4, Jets 1									
Washington	3	2	0	0	5	7	7				Winnipeg									
N.Y. Rangers	3	2	0	0	4	10	5				N.Y. Islanders									
Philadelphia	3	2	0	0	4	4	0				Second Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 1 (Beauvillier, Torres); 1:51 (pp), 2, N.Y. Islanders, Neilson 1 (Hayfield, Parizot); 2:50, 3, N.Y. Islanders, Lee 1 (Hayfield, Barzal); 3:00, 4, N.Y. Islanders, Neilson 2 (Hayfield, Barzal); 3:00, 5, N.Y. Islanders, Neilson 3 (Bissetto); 17:06.									
N.Y. Islanders	2	1	1	0	2	5	3				Third Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Neilson 4 (Kornarow, Brassard); 15:29.									
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	0	4	4	0				Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 15-9-12-36 (44 shots-40 saves), Carolina, Mrazek 2-0 (1-10, 13).									
Colorado	2	2	0	0	4	9	5				Power-play opportunities—Winnipeg 2 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 1.									
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	4	3	5				N.Y. Islanders 1 of 1; Carolina, Mrazek 1-0 (3 shots-29 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Greiss 1-0 (3 shots-29 saves).									
Nashville	2	2	0	0	4	8	7				A-9,923 (13,917). T-2:23.									
Winnipeg	3	1	2	0	2	10	14				Red Wings 4, Stars 3									
Chicago	2	1	1	0	2	3	11				Dallas									
Minnesota	2	0	2	0	0	4	9				Detroit									
Dallas	2	0	2	0	0	6	9				First Period—1, Dallas, Hillier 2 (Khudobin, Heiskanen); 10:57, 2, Dallas 2 (Khudobin, Heiskanen); 16:49.									
Vegas	2	0	2	0	0	1	3				Second Period—2, Detroit, Mantha 1 (Chelowski, Hirose); 0:48 (pp), 4, Detroit, Mantha 3 (Hronek, Odejayi); 9:49.									
Edmonton	2	0	2	0	0	1	3				Third Period—5, Detroit, Mantha 4 (Larkin, Bertuzzi); 0:15, 6, Dallas, Hintz 1 (Jannak, Selander); 8:05, 7, Dallas, Hintz 2 (Hirose, Larkin); 19:06.									
Arizona	2	0	2	0	0	1	3				Shots on Goal—Dallas 8-6-8-22. Detroit 8-11-14-33.									
San Jose	2	0	2	0	0	1	3				Power-play opportunities—Dallas 0 of 2; Detroit 1 of 1.									
Los Angeles	2	0	2	0	0	1	3				Goalies—Dallas, Khudobin 0-0 (3 shots-29 saves). Detroit, Bernier 1-0-0 (22-19).									
San Jose	2	0	2	0	0	1	3				A-19,515 (20,000). T-2:28.									
Saturday's games										NHL calendar										
Florida 4, Tampa Bay 3										Oct. 26 — Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic, Calgary vs. Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon.										
Montreal 6, Toronto 5										Nov. 18 — Hockey Hall of Fame indoor telecast ceremony, Toronto.										
Pittsburgh 7, Columbus 2										Jan. 1, 2020 — Winter Classic, Dallas vs. Nashville at Cotton Bowl, Dallas.										
Buffalo 7, New Jersey 2										Feb. 26 — All-Star Game, Dallas.										
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Roundup

Slavin's OT goal lifts Hurricanes

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Carolina Hurricanes fell behind in the first two periods, then figure out a way to win after regulation.

The unconventional formula worked again Sunday night, with Jacob Slavin scoring at 1:53 of overtime to give the Hurricanes a 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The Hurricanes improved to 3-0, for only the second time in franchise history, overcoming third-period deficits and winning after regulation in each. Carolina won its opener over Montreal in a shootout on Thursday night, then beat Washington in overtime on Saturday night.

It was Slavin's turn Sunday to provide the overtime theatrics. He beat Curtis McElhinney on a shot from the right slot to give Carolina just its fifth win in 24 tries against the Lightning.

"We've got a resilient group in here," Slavin said. "We've got to learn not to put ourselves in those holes and obviously play a stronger first two periods so we don't have to rely on that third period and always be coming from behind. But it's definitely a confidence-builder for the group and we hope we can continue on that path."

Dougie Hamilton, Brett Pesse and Erik Haula also scored for Carolina, and the Hurricanes held the Lightning to just two shots after the first period. Petr Mrazek only had to make 10 saves for Carolina.

Haula, acquired by Carolina from Vegas in a draft-day trade, has scored in each of his first three games with the Hurricanes.



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The Hurricanes' Jacob Slavin celebrates his winning OT goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday in Raleigh, N.C.

He has quickly added to his role with his new team.

"You find a way to win," Haula said. "It doesn't matter how you get it. It's a great start but there's a lot of hockey left."

Tyler Johnson, Kevin Shattenkirk and Steven Stamkos scored in the first period for Tampa Bay, and McElhinney, who helped the Hurricanes reach the Eastern Conference final last season, made 40 saves.

Red Wings 4, Stars 3: Anthony Mantha scored a career-high four goals, breaking a tie with 53.3 seconds left to lift Detroit past Dallas in its home opener. Mantha scored twice in second

and put Detroit up 3-2 early in the third. Roope Hintz pulled Dallas even 33 seconds later with his second goal of the game.

Jonathan Bernier stopped 19 shots to help the Red Wings improve to 2-0.

Tyler Seguin also scored for Dallas, and Anton Khudobin made 29 saves.

Islanders 4, Jets 1: Josh Bailey, Brock Nelson and Anders Lee scored second-period goals and Thomas Greiss made 35 saves in New York's victory over Winnipeg.

Anthony Beauvillier also scored for New York. Patrik Laine scored for Winnipeg.

MLB PLAYOFFS

7 two-out runs in 6th lift Dodgers to 2-1 NLDS lead

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — David Freese wasn't in the Los Angeles Dodgers' starting lineup for Game 3 of the NL Division Series. Neither was Kike Hernandez or Chris Taylor.

All are right-handed batters, and all knew that if the Washington Nationals persisted in their playoff pattern of using starters in relief, they might very well be called upon to pinch hit against \$140 million lefty Patrick Corbin.

So in the first inning Sunday night, that trio headed to the indoor batting cage that sits near the staircase leading from the visitors' dugout to the clubhouse to try to prepare. And, boy, were they prepared when Corbin entered. So were other Dodgers hitters, producing a postseason inning unlike any other: seven runs, all scored with two outs and two strikes.

Justin Turner's three-run homer capped a startling and record-setting rally in the sixth as the Dodgers roughed up the starter-turned-reliever and beat Washington 10-4 to grab a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five NLDS.

"We're just always ready, no matter who's on the mound. Righty, lefty. You've got to fake it sometimes, whether you're ready or not," said Freese who singled as a pinch hitter in the sixth and finished with four hits.

"Definitely, two strikes, you've got to take it seriously. You can't assume your AB's over," Freese said. "You look at the best guys in the game ... they look like they like two strikes."

Hernandez also entered in that inning and contributed a two-run double, and Taylor walked as a pinch hitter against Corbin.

Russell Martin started, his first appearance of these playoffs, and hit a two-run double in the sixth as LA became the first team in major league history to score seven two-out, two-strike runs in one postseason inning.

"We never doubt ourselves," Freese said.

Martin, who like Freese is 36, tacked on a two-run homer in the ninth. This is Martin's 10th postseason. Freese joked it might be his teammate's 26th — and Freese's sixth.

The Dodgers can advance to the NL Championship Series for the fourth consecutive year by closing the best-of-five NLDS in Game 4 at Washington on Monday, when LA faces Rich Hill to the mound against Max Scherzer.

And to think: Things were not looking all that good for the Dodgers, who entered the sixth trailing 2-1 after Juan Soto's two-run homer off eventual winner Hyun-Jin Ryu in the first and Max Muncy's solo shot off Washington starter Anibal Sanchez in the fifth.



JULIO CORTES/AP

Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner, right, celebrates his three-run home run off Nationals pitcher Wander Suero with Enrique Hernandez during the sixth inning in Game 3 of the National League Division Series on Sunday in Washington.

“We were at a good spot in the lineup, where we thought Corbin could get through it. And his stuff was good. ... But he had every hitter 0-2. He just couldn't finish.”

Dave Martinez
Nationals manager

That hit seemed to wake up LA's offense.

Well, it was either that or the fact that Sanchez, who struck out nine, was gone to begin the sixth. In came Corbin, the lefty who started — and lost — the opener and hadn't made a relief appearance since 2017, when he made only one.

"Just couldn't seem to get that third out there," Corbin said. "Just stinks."

It continued Nationals manager Dave Martinez's postseason penchant for pushing his starters to appear in relief, deemed necessary because of his club's NL-worst bullpen. The strategy had been working.

Needless to say, not this time against the Dodgers, who lost in the World Series each of the past two years and led the NL with 106 wins this season, 13 more than the Nationals.

"Anibal was at 87 pitches. He gave us all he had. We were at a good spot in the lineup, where we thought Corbin could get through it," Martinez said. "And his stuff was good. ... But he had every hitter 0-2. He just couldn't finish." After Cody Bellinger snapped his 0-for-8 start to the series with a single — he would add a double later in the inning — Corbin struck out the next two batters. That's when it all fell apart for

Washington. Freese, the MVP of the 2011 NLCS and World Series for St. Louis, singled to put runners on the corners.

"He has to be going down as one of the greatest October players of all time," Muncy said. "I don't care what anyone says. He has to be."

Martin came through on a 2-2 slider that landed on the warning track in left-center, putting the visitors ahead 3-2. Hernandez connected on a 1-2 slider for yet another two-run double to left-center, a hit off the base off the wall.

After Muncy was intentionally walked, Wander Suero entered and promptly served up a full count fastball that Turner lofted to the back of the visiting bullpen beyond left field, making it 8-2.

"A couple guys came up and had really big at bats and that's what we've been doing all year," Muncy said. "That was one of those things where once one guy started doing it, the next cat picked up on it and it just kind of rolled throughout the inning."

Nationals centerfielder Victor Robles was out of the lineup with a strained right hamstring after getting hurt running to first base in Game 2. Michael A. Taylor started in Robles' place and went 1-for-4.

Scoreboard

Playoffs glance									
WILD CARD									
Washington A, Milwaukee 3									
Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 1									
DIVISION SERIES									
(Best-of-5)									
American League									
Houston 2, Tampa Bay 0									
Houston 6, Tampa Bay 2									
Houston 3, Tampa Bay 1									
Monday: at Tampa Bay									
Tuesday: at Tampa Bay									
Wednesday: at Houston									
Thursday: at Houston									
N.Y. Yankees 2, Minnesota 0									
N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 4									
N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 2									
Monday: at Minnesota									
Tuesday: at Minnesota									
Wednesday: at N.Y. Yankees									
National League									
L.A. Dodgers 2, Washington 1									
L.A. Dodgers 6, Washington 0									
Washington 4, L.A. Dodgers 2									
Sunday: L.A. Dodgers 10, Washington 4									
4									
Monday: at Washington									
Wednesday: at L.A. Dodgers									
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1									
St. Louis 7, Atlanta 2									
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0									
Sunday: Atlanta 3, St. Louis 1									
Monday: at St. Louis									
Wednesday: at Atlanta									
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES									
(Best-of-7)									
American League									
Saturday: Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees									
winner at Houston or Tampa Bay at Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox or FS1)									
Sunday, Oct. 13: Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees									
winner at Houston or Tampa Bay at Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox or FS1)									
Tuesday, Oct. 15: Houston at Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner or Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner at Tampa Bay (Fox or FS1)									
Wednesday, Oct. 16: Houston at Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner or Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner at Tampa Bay (Fox or FS1)									
Thursday, Oct. 17: Houston at Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner or Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner at Tampa Bay (Fox or FS1)									
Saturday, Oct. 19: Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner at Houston or Tampa Bay at Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox or FS1)									
Sunday, Oct. 20: Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner at Houston or Tampa Bay at Minnesota-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox or FS1)									
National League									
Friday, Oct. 11: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)									
Saturday, Oct. 12: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)									
Monday, Oct. 14: L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis-Atlanta winner or St. Louis-Atlanta winner at Washington (TBS)									
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Friday, Oct. 18: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)									
Saturday, Oct. 19: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)									
WORLD SERIES									
(Best-of-7)									
Tuesday, Oct. 22: at better record									
Wednesday, Oct. 23: at better record									
Friday, Oct. 25: at worse record									
Saturday, Oct. 26: at worse record									
Sunday, Oct. 27: at worse record									
Tuesday, Oct. 29: at better record									
Wednesday, Oct. 30: at better record									

Sunday									
Dodgers 10, Nationals 4									
Los Angeles									
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r
Pederson 1	0	0	0	Tanner 1	0	0	0		
Hernandez 2	1	1	2	Eaton 1	3	1	0		
Muncy 1b-4d 2	1	2	1	Rendon 3b	3	1	0		
Turner 3b	4	3	3	Soto 1f	2	2	2		
Bellinger cf	5	1	2	Kendrick 1b	4	0	0		
Seaver 2b	4	0	0	Corbin 2b	0	0	0		
Pollock if	3	0	0	Gomes c	1	0	0		
Taylor p	0	0	0	Seaver 2b	0	0	0		
Urias p	1	0	0	Corbin 2b	0	0	0		
Beatty ph	1	0	0	Clayton 2b	1	0	0		
Kolarik p	0	0	0	M.Taylor cf	4	0	0		
Masada p	0	0	0	Sanchez p	1	0	0		
Jansen p	0	0	0	Zimmerman ph	0	0	0		
Lux 2b	2	0	0	Corbin 2b	0	0	0		
Freese 1b	4	0	0	Rodney p	0	0	0		
Martinez c	4	2	2	Parra ph	1	0	0		
Ryu p	0	0	0	Raney p	0	0	0		
C.Taylor ph 2	1	0	0	Strickland p	0	0	0		
Totals	41	10	14	Totals	39	4	6		
Los Angeles									
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r
Ryu W-0	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
Kelly	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
Albies 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kolarik	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mancini	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jansen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington									
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r
Corbin L-2 BS-0	1	4	6	6	2	2	2	0	0
Suero	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strickland	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0
Kelly pitched to 4 batters in the 6th. WP—Kelly, Rodney, Raines. T—358. A—43,423 (41,313).									

Braves 3, Cardinals 1

MLB/HIGH SCHOOL



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

The Braves' Dansby Swanson, center, celebrates with Ronald Acuna Jr., right, after scoring during Atlanta's ninth-inning rally in Game 3 of a National League Division Series against the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Braves score 3 in 9th, top Cards

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Through injuries and slumps, demotions and disappointments, Dansby Swanson and Adam Duvall got ready for the big moment.

When it arrived, they were ready.

Swanson hit a tying double with two outs in the ninth inning and Duvall delivered a two-run single as the Atlanta Braves rallied past the St. Louis Cardinals 3-1 on Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in the NL Division Series.

"They never quit. They never give up," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "The heart and desire and will is unbelievable in those guys."

Atlanta had managed just four hits off Adam Wainwright and Andrew Miller before breaking through against closer Carlos Martinez. With runners on the corners, Swanson tied it at 1 with a drive off the wall in left.

Swanson pumped his arms as he celebrated after his third hit of the game. He came through after

an intentional walk to Brian McCann — Swanson's .187 batting average with runners in scoring position was the lowest in the majors this year among qualified players.

"I love Dansby in those situations. I always have," Snitker said. "That kid lives for that moment."

Watching the inning develop, Swanson said he thought he might get a chance to bat in a big spot.

"In those situations, you just try and breathe and relax," said Swanson, who missed the playoffs last year because of an injured left hand. "It's easier said than done."

Duvall, who entered in the eighth, then hit a liner into center field to put the Braves ahead to stay. It was his second big hit of the series after he connected for a pinch-hit homer in Atlanta's 3-0 victory Friday.

"I'll be ready whenever they need me," said Duvall, who spent much of the year with Triple-A Gwinnett.

Game 4 is Monday at Busch Stadium. Atlanta needs one more win to advance to the NL Cham-

pionship Series for the first time since 2001.

This is the first time the Braves have led a postseason series since they were up 2-1 on San Francisco in the 2002 NLDS. They lost the final two games that year.

"History, we don't really play into that. This is now," Swanson said.

St. Louis wasted a terrific performance by Wainwright, who pitched 7¹/₃ innings of four-hit ball in his first postseason start since 2014. The 38-year-old Georgia native and former Braves draft pick struck out eight and walked two.

In the age of bullpen saving over in October, Wainwright and Mike Soroka locked up in an old-fashioned pitchers' duel. But the relievers ultimately decided the game.

"We were one out away and that is exactly what playoff baseball is all about," Wainwright said. "Just crazy stuff happens."

Wainwright departed after he walked Ozzie Albies on his 120th pitch, loading the bases in the first playoff game in St. Louis in

four years. He got a big hug on the mound from catcher Yadier Molina and the sellout crowd of 46,701 saluted Wainwright with a standing ovation as he walked to the dugout.

Miller then came in and retired Freddie Freeman on a flyball to center, preserving a 1-0 lead.

But Martinez was hit hard for the second time in the series. He allowed three runs before he closed out St. Louis' 7-6 victory in Game 1.

"There were some pitches that didn't go where they were supposed to go," he said through a translator.

After Atlanta grabbed the lead, Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his second save of the playoffs. Paul Goldschmidt doubled with one out, but Marcell Ozuna struck out looking and Molina lined out to end the game.

"Being able to compete in a game like that is amazing," Swanson said.

The 22-year-old Soroka was almost as good as Wainwright, pitching seven innings of two-hit ball in his postseason debut.

28 golfers earn shot at titles

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

The first sports championship of the 2019-20 DODEA Europe school year has arrived.

A roster of 28 boys and girls golfers from across the organization will gather Wednesday and Thursday at Rheinblick Golf Course in Wiesbaden, Germany, to compete for individual and team European titles.

The two-day event brings a close to the shortest season of any DODEA Europe sport, with a quick three-week regular-season schedule serving to qualify top performers for this week's main event. In all, 20 boys and eight girls earned the right to contend for the coveted championships in Wiesbaden.

Ramstein ace Ben Todman is the favorite to claim the boys' individual title. The junior averaged 48 points per meet over the fall, putting him six and a half points ahead of his nearest challenger, Wiesbaden freshman Clayton Shenk, in the sport's modified Stableford scoring system. Todman also ranks as the event's highest-finishing returnee after a third-place showing last year.

The Royals are also heavy favorites to repeat as European team champions as Ramstein golfers fill out the rest of the top five seeds entering the tournament.

The girls' field, meanwhile, expands to eight this fall after just four golfers made the cut for last year's event. The contenders come from six different schools, setting the stage for what should be a competitive battle for team supremacy.

A pair of tournament veterans headline the field. Vilseck senior Annemee Fests, last year's fourth-place finisher, is the favorite entering the tournament with a season average of 30.3 Stableford points. Ramstein junior Harley Parks, who finished third in Europe a year ago, clocked in just off that pace at 27.3 points.

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NFL



Baltimore running back Mark Ingram leaps over Steelers defenders on Sunday in Pittsburgh. The Ravens won 26-23.

Ravens escape with OT win over Steelers

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — John Harbaugh told his young team you're not really a Baltimore Raven until you've beaten the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Justin Tucker has. Many times. His team on the cusp of letting a winnable game on the road get away, the NFL's best kicker added another notch to his remarkable resume during a 26-23 victory on Sunday. The Ravens snapped a two-game losing streak and pushed the Steelers to the brink of also-ran status in the process. Tucker drilled four field goals in all, including a 48-yarder in the final seconds of regulation to force overtime and a 46-yarder with 5:26 left in the extra period — both into the tricky winds at the open end of Heinz Field.

"We're young but we're figuring it out," Harbaugh said.

Having Tucker certainly helps. His pinpoint kickoffs — dropping the ball near the goal line, forcing Pittsburgh to return instead of settle for a touchback — played a role in Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin's unorthodox decision sending his defense out first in overtime even though an offensive touchdown would have won the game outright.

"We couldn't get back to the 15, why would I sign up for that?" Tomlin said. "I put the defense on the field in an effort to fight for field position and put the onus on them to get the stop. When we got the ball, we got it on the 30-something, which is dramatically different than when our kickoff return team took the field all afternoon."

Harbaugh wasn't caught off guard when Pittsburgh chose to let Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson get the first crack with the game extended beyond four quarters.

"Give Tomlin a lot of credit, he knows this place better than anyone," Harbaugh said. "I think we probably know it the second best because we play here so much. For our kicker to be able to make

Ravens 26, Steelers 23 (OT)

Baltimore	1	7	0	6	3-26
Pittsburgh	7	6	7	3	0-23

First Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 27, 7:21.
Pit— Ingram 4 run (Tucker kick), 4:48.
Pit—Smith-Schuster 35 pass from Rudolph (Boswell kick), 2:41.

Second Quarter
Bal—McBrown 11 pass from Jackson (Tucker kick), 11:21.
Pit—FG Boswell 23, 2:37.
Pit—FG Boswell 29, 0:00.

Third Quarter
Pit—Conner 1 run (Boswell kick), 3:42.
Bal—FG Tucker 26, 11:39.
Pit—FG Boswell 23, 2:37.

Fourth Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 48, 1:10.
Bal—FG Tucker 46, 5:26.
A—64,037.

First downs	22	Pit
Total Net Yards	277	269
Rushes-yards	40-138	19-77
Passing	138	192
Punt Returns	1-2	1-13
Kickoff Returns	1-46	3-42
Interceptions Ret.	1-1	3-11
Comp-Att-Int	19-26-1	21-31-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-22	2-11
Punts	3-51.7	4-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	11-92	11-76
Penalties-Yards	11-92	11-76
Time of Possession	39:00	25:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Baltimore, Jackson 14-70, Ingram 19-44, Edwards 5-17, Hill 2-7, Pittsburgh, Conner 14-55, Hodges 2-20, Smith-Schuster 3-15.

PASSING—Baltimore, Jackson 19-28-3, 151. Pittsburgh, Rudolph 13-20-0-131, Samuels 1-2-1-4, Rodgers 7-9-0-68.

RECEIVING—Baltimore, Andrews 5-45, Snead 4-21, Hill-Hurst 4-32, McBrown 3-22, Ingram 2-5, Edwards 1-6. Pittsburgh, Smith-Schuster 7-75, Johnson 5-47, Washington 3-52, McDonald 3-34, Samuels 3-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

that kick in the end with the wind blowing says something about him, (holder) Sam Koch and (long snapper) Morgan (Cox), and our whole field-goal protection team because it was an all-out rush as well."

Tucker, however, wasn't so sure his winner was going to make it. It fluttered toward the left upright and appeared to be going wide before moving right as if flicked by an invisible finger.

"My dad sent me a text right after the game saying, (an angel) might have blown that ball inside the upright just a little bit," Tucker said. "As soon as it came off my foot, I knew it would have a chance just given the conditions. Several of the kicks I had today I kind of wish I would have hit the end of the day, we made them."

Kansas City licking wounds following first loss of year

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs rolled into Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday night knowing Indianapolis was missing a bunch of defensive backs to injuries and quite confident Patrick Mahomes could pick apart the Colts' backups.

Turned out it was Indianapolis that dominated a bunch of Kansas City second-stringers.

One by one, the Chiefs lost crucial players on both sides of the ball, and the Colts took advantage of their flailing backups. The result was a 19-13 victory not only ended Kansas City's incredible run of scoring at least 26 points in 22 straight games, but also proved Mahomes and Co. are fallible.

"We got beat in about every phase you can get beat this evening," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said.

It wasn't entirely their fault. Yes, the Chiefs were flagged 11 times for 125 yards. Yes, they lost a fumble when LeSean McCoy had the ball poked loose deep in Indianapolis territory. Yes, their defensive backs kept getting beat by the fleet of Colts wide receivers, resulting in big completions or yet more penalties.

But those misuses often came with a bunch of backups on the field.

Wide receiver Sammy Watkins was the first to leave the game, unable to press through a hamstringing injury that left him questionable to play at all. He was joined on the sideline later by Byron Pringle, who caught six passes for 103



REED HOFFMANN/AP

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes reacts after being tackled by Indianapolis Colts defensive ends Kemoko Turay and Justin Houston during the second half of Sunday's game in Kansas City, Mo.

yards and a score before ending up in the concussion protocol.

Meanwhile, top wide receiver Tyreek Hill took part in pregame warmups following his first week of practice since Week 1. But his collarbone injury is still healing and Hill was again inactive.

"You don't ever know if a man will go down so you got to know the playbook and be ready to step up," Pringle said. "It's time to show what you've been working forward for all week."

Up front, the Chiefs already were missing left tackle Eric Fisher, who underwent core muscle surgery and isn't expected back for several more weeks. Then they lost left guard Andrew Wylie to an ankle injury, forcing

them to use two ineffective backups — Cam Erving at tackle and Ryan Turay at guard.

"We have the best quarterback in the world, the best receivers, all that stuff," Chiefs right tackle Mitchell Schwartz said. "It was just a matter of guys are getting there too soon."

"Things weren't much better for the Chiefs on defense."

Middle linebacker Anthony Hitchens, who has the defensive radio in his helmet and is responsible for getting everyone aligned, left early with a groin injury. Defensive linemen Xavier Williams (ankle) and Chris Jones (groin) departed later in the game, seriously wounding the Chiefs at the point of attack.

Confident: Colts not intimidated by Chiefs

FROM BACK PAGE

ated even so—slightly for a January playoff defeat inside the same stadium.

Asked what the message was pregame, longtime Chiefs linebacker-turned-Colts defensive end Justin Houston replied: "To come out here and play our game. To leave it out there every snap, to play with your heart, play with your soul. And I think we did that tonight."

The Colts (3-2) allowed points on the Chiefs' first two possessions before shutting them out until Harrison Butker's field goal with 1:16 to go. Indianapolis recovered the onside kick without any issue and ran out the clock to celebrate a big win heading into its bye.

Mahomes threw for 321 yards and a touchdown, and the Chiefs (4-1) had just 36 yards rushing despite getting top running back Damien Williams back from an injury, all while watching their record streak of 22 straight games scoring at least 26 points come to a crashing conclusion.

Colts 19, Chiefs 13

Indianapolis	7	6	0	6-19
Kansas City	3	7	0	3-13

First Quarter
KC—FG Butker 29, 10:02.
Ind—Brissett 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 3:44.

Second Quarter
KC—Pringle 27 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 14:08.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 32, 11:12.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 29, 2:27.

Fourth Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 31, 7:40.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 29, 2:27.
KC—FG Butker 36, 1:16.
A—73,532.

First downs	Ind	KC
Total Net Yards	331	324
Rushes-yards	45-188	22-45
Passing	151	288
Punt Returns	0-0	2-1
Kickoff Returns	2-48	1-22
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-30
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-1	22-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	4-33
Punts	3-41.0	4-38.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-50	11-125
Penalties-Yards	37-15	22-45
Time of Possession	37:15	22:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, Mack 29-132, Williams 7-28, Pascal 1-12, Brissett 6-9, Hines 2-minus 13. Kansas City, Damien Williams 3-23, Mahomes 3-17, Sherman 1-2, Hardman 1-minus 6.

PASSING—Indianapolis, Brissett 18-29-1-151. Kansas City, Mahomes 22-39-0-324.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Hines 4-46, Hill 3-19, Mack 1-16, Alde 1-16. Kansas City, Pringle 6-103, Hardman 4-79, Kelce 4-70, Robinson 3-31, Dam Williams 3-15, McCoy 2-23.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

In an air-it-out era of the NFL, the Colts also won by dominating the line of scrimmage.

On offense, their big line bruised a Kansas City defensive front that lost Chris Jones and Xavier Williams to injuries. That created big holes for Mack and plenty of time for Jacoby Brissett, who threw for 151 yards while running for the Colts' only touchdown.

On defense, the Colts spent most of the night in the Kansas City backfield, plugging up holes in the running game and relentlessly pressuring the reigning league MVP on passing downs. "We could just tell they were hungry. They were hungry all week," Reich said. "I know that's not uncommon, but there was something different about this week. I could feel it. It was palpable. We just walked in here with a lot of confidence. Last night in our meetings, I can't even explain what happened in our meetings last night. There was just a feeling amongst the team when we walked into this stadium."

NFL



MATT ROUBINE/AP

The Eagles' Hassan Ridgeway tries to tackle Jets quarterback Luke Falk as Kevin Beachum attempts to block during the second half on Sunday in Philadelphia. The Eagles sacked Falk 10 times in the game.

Scoreboard

American Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	0	1.000	155	34
Buffalo	4	1	0	800	70
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	59	101
Miami	0	4	0	000	263
Houston	3	0	1.000	131	110
Indianapolis	3	2	0	600	115
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	200	90
Tennessee	2	3	0	400	118
Baltimore	3	0	1.000	161	123
Cleveland	2	2	0	500	89
Cincinnati	1	4	0	200	90
West	0	5	0	000	80
Kansas City	4	1	0	800	148
Oakland	3	2	0	600	103
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	400	103
Denver	1	4	0	200	90

National Conference

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	1	0	600	141
Dallas	3	2	0	600	131
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	400	97
Washington	0	5	0	000	73
New Orleans	3	0	1.000	116	116
Carolina	3	2	0	600	129
New England	3	0	1.000	116	116
Atlanta	1	4	0	200	102
Green Bay	4	1	0	800	119
Detroit	2	1	0	625	97
Seattle	4	1	0	800	133
L.A. Rams	3	2	0	600	146
Arizona	1	3	1	300	100

	Thursday's game	Sunday's games
Seattle 30, L.A. Rams 29	Buffalo 14, Tennessee 7	Philadelphia 31, N.Y. Jets 6
Arizona 26, Pittsburgh 23	Arizona 26, Cincinnati 23	Minnesota 28, N.Y. Giants 23
Green Bay 34, Dallas 24	New England 31, Tampa Bay 24	New England 31, Washington 7
Open: Detroit, Miami	Oakland 24, Chicago 21	Houston 53, Atlanta 32
Monday's game	Baltimore 26, Pittsburgh 23	OT Carolina 34, Jacksonville 27
Cleveland at San Francisco	Denver 20, L.A. Chargers 13	Indianapolis 19, Kansas City 13
Thursday, Oct. 10	Open: Detroit, Miami	OT Carolina 34, Jacksonville 27
N.Y. Giants at New England	Cleveland at San Francisco	Denver 20, L.A. Chargers 13
Sunday, Oct. 11	Philadelphia at Atlanta	San Francisco at L.A. Rams
Carolina vs Tampa Bay at London	Cincinnati at Baltimore	Atlanta 17, A.J. Jones
Philadelphia at Kansas City	Washington at Miami	Tennessee at Denver
Washington at Miami	San Francisco at L.A. Rams	Pittsburgh at L.A. Chargers
Cincinnati at Baltimore	Atlanta 17, A.J. Jones	Open: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Chicago
San Francisco at L.A. Rams	Monday, Oct. 14	Detroit at Green Bay

Allen throws 2 TDs as Bills smother Titans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Josh Allen is starting to prove that he understands just how crucial taking care of the ball is in the NFL, especially with how well the Buffalo Bills' defense is playing right now.

Allen threw for 219 yards and two touchdowns with only one interception as the Bills beat the Tennessee Titans in a defensive showdown for their third straight win in this series.

"I know there's a stat as a quarterback I'm 8-1 with one or less turnovers," the second-year Buffalo quarterback said.

The Bills have won three consecutive games away from Buffalo for the first time since 2004.

This game featured two of the NFL's stingiest defenses, with the Titans fourth in giving up 15.5 points, and the Bills fifth, allowing 15.8 points a game. Jordan Phillips had a career-high three sacks — by halftime — as Buffalo sacked Marcus Mariota five times.

	Buffalo	Titans
W	4	0
L	0	7
T	0	0

Buffalo-L Smith 8 pass from Allen (Joshua Kiki), 2:36.

Tennessee-Henry 1 run (Santos kick), 7:02.

Buffalo-Bills 7 pass from Allen (Joshua Kiki), 9:46.

A-66,936.

First downs: Buffalo 18, Titans 14.

Total Net Yards: Buffalo 279, Titans 202.

Rushes-Yards: Buffalo 204, 150; Titans 118, 0.

Passing: Buffalo 212, 279; Titans 118, 0.

Punt Returns: Buffalo 1, 0; Titans 0, 0.

Kickoff Returns: Buffalo 1, 0; Titans 0, 0.

Interceptions Ret.: Buffalo 1, 0; Titans 0, 0.

Comp-Att-Int: Buffalo 23-32-1, Titans 12-22-0.

Sacked-Yards Lost: Buffalo 4-15, 5-33; Titans 6-50, 6-17.

Defense dominates, Eagles rout Jets

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles were the real Gang Green defense. Nate Gerry returned an interception for a score, Orlando Scandrick took a strip-sack the distance and the Eagles smothered Jets third-string quarterback Luke Falk and overwhelmed New York's offense on a day Carson Wentz was ordinary.

Wentz threw for 189 yards and one touchdown, Jordan Howard ran for 62 yards and one TD.

But Philly's defense didn't need much help. The Eagles became the first team in NFL history to record 10 sacks and score two defensive touchdowns in a game.

"Our defense carried us," Howard said.

Brandon Graham had a career-high three of Philadelphia's 10 sacks after he only had four last season.

	Eagles	Jets
W	14	0
L	0	6
T	0	3

Philadelphia-Phil-Howard 1 first quarter (Elliott kick), 5:04.

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Cousins, Thielen lead Vikings in dominant win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — So much for the Minnesota Vikings being one-dimensional. Their passing game is back in synch with the run.

Add in the defense, and the reality is the Vikings have it all.

Kirk Cousins threw two touchdowns to Adam Thielen, Dalvin Cook ran for 132 yards and the Vikings made life miserable for Daniel Jones and the New York Giants in every way possible.

"We played well from the jump," said Cousins, who was 22-for-27 for a season-high 306 yards. "I thought it was a very balanced attack today through the pass game and the run game."

The win came just a week after the Vikings did little in a 16-6 loss to the Chicago Bears and Thielen insisted the team had to stop being one dimensional, relying solely on the run.

And that's exactly what Minnesota did. It hit the Giants with a bit of everything — pass, run and the defense. The Vikings gained 490 yards on offense, including 211 rushing, and took a knee inside the New York 5 to end the game.

	Vikings	Giants
W	3	15
L	0	7
T	0	3

Minnesota-New York

First Quarter

Min-FG Bailey 31, 8:46.

Min-Thielen 15 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 14:55.

Min-Slayton 35 pass from D.Jones (Rossa kick), 12:08.

Min-FG Bailey 38, 7:51.

Min-safety, 2:07.

Min-FG Bailey 32, 4:49.

Third Quarter

NYG-FG Rossa 32, 7:35.

Min-Thielen 9 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 4:52.

Fourth Quarter

Min-FG Bailey 45, 4:09.

A-75,041.

First downs: Vikings 21, Giants 18.

Total Net Yards: Vikings 34-211, Giants 20-64.

Rushes-Yards: Vikings 147, 279; Giants 115, 117.

Passing: Vikings 147, 279; Giants 115, 117.

Punt Returns: Vikings 1, 0; Giants 0, 0.

Kickoff Returns: Vikings 1, 0; Giants 0, 0.

Comp-Att-Int: Vikings 22-27-0, Giants 12-22-0.

Sacked-Yards Lost: Vikings 1-5, 0-0; Giants 1-5, 0-0.

Fumbles-Lost: Vikings 1-0, 0-0; Giants 1-0, 0-0.

Penalties-Yards: Vikings 12-112, 5-45; Giants 12-112, 5-45.

Time of Possession: Vikings 27:30, Giants 27:30.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, Cook 21-132, Mattison 7-52, Abdul-Jabbar 3-24, Cousins 3-3, New York, Hillman 9-20, Penny 3-15, Shepard 1-minus 2.

PASSING—Minnesota, Cousins 22-27-0, 306; New York, D.Jones 21-31-2, 182.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, Thielen 7-130, Cook 6-88, Johnson 4-43, Diggs 3-44, Rudolph 1-4, Ham 1-minus 1, New York, Engram 6-42, Shepard 1-20, Clayton 4-42, Tate 3-13, Penny 3-15, Hillman 1-4, Ellison 3-13.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Lindsay helps Fangio gets first win as coach

CARSON, Calif. — Phillip Lindsay ran for 114 yards, Denver's defense forced three turnovers and the Broncos got their first win under Vic Fangio by defeating the Los Angeles Chargers.

Joe Flacco completed 14 of 20 passes for 162 yards and a touchdown as Denver raced to a 17-0 lead in the second quarter and held on for the 50th victory in franchise history.

"We have a lot of playmakers. Today was my day to get hot and spark the team," Lindsay said.

Los Angeles struggled most of the game and had two turnovers inside the Denver 5. The Chargers got within 17-10 midway through the third quarter, but Denver's Brandon McManus put it out of reach with a 46-yard field goal with 1:55 remaining.

"We finished but it was painful. Hanging on is a better term," Fangio said. "We moved the ball well during the first half and then it disappeared for most of the second half."

The Chargers did not score an offensive TD for the first time since Dec. 13, 2015, snapping a 55-game streak.

	Broncos	Chargers
W	14	0
L	0	7
T	0	3

Denver-L.A. Chargers

First Quarter

Den-Lindsay 4 run (McManus kick), 11:06.

Den-Sutton 70 pass from Flacco (McManus kick), 4:58.

Den-FG McManus 40, 5:17.

Second Quarter

LAC-Jung 68 punt return (McLaughlin kick), 3:31.

Fourth Quarter

LAC-FG McLaughlin 45, 1:55.

Den-FG McManus 45, 1:55.

LAC-FG McLaughlin 32, 1:0.

A-25,357.

First downs: Den 19, LAC 19.

Total Net Yards: Den 350, LAC 240.

Rushes-Yards: Den 32-191, LAC 22-159.

Passing: Den 159, 211; LAC 122, 144.

Punt Returns: Den 0, 0; LAC 0, 0.

Kickoff Returns: Den 0, 0; LAC 0, 0.

Comp-Att-Int: Den 14-20-1, LAC 14-20-1.

Sacked-Yards Lost: Den 4-46, 0-0; LAC 4-46, 0-0.

Fumbles-Lost: Den 1-1, 1-1; LAC 1-1, 1-1.

Penalties-Yards: Den 12-122, 4-43; LAC 12-122, 4-43.

Time of Possession: Den 29:36, LAC 30:24.

RUSHING—Denver, Lindsay 4-19, Freeman 13-61, Spencer 1-9, Flacco 3-7, Rivers 1-minus 3.

PASSING—Denver, Flacco 14-20-1, 182; Los Angeles, Rivers 14-20-1, 182.

RECEIVING—Denver, Flacco 14-20-1, 182; Los Angeles, Ecker 1-5-8, Williams 6-74, Allen 4-18, Gordon 4-7, Benjamin 1-13, Watt 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Denver, McManus 54.



Vikings wide receivers Adam Thielen, right, and Stefon Diggs celebrate Thielen's touchdown catch against the New York Giants.

ADAM HUNGER/AP

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GARY LANDERS/AP

Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kyle Murray led his team on a game-winning drive that dropped the Cincinnati Bengals to 0-5 for the first time since 2008.

Cardinals get their 1st win under Kingsbury

CINCINNATI — Rookie quarterback Klyer Murray ran for a touchdown and led the Cardinals on a drive to Zane Gonzalez's 31-yard field goal on the final play as the Cardinals got their first victory under coach Kliff Kingsbury.

In a matchup of winless teams, the Cardinals (1-3-1) were a little bit better Sunday, with the Herman Trophy winner making the difference.

Murray ran 6 yards for Arizona's first touchdown and saved the Cardinals after a late defensive collapse.

Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton threw two touchdown passes that tied it 23-23 with 2:00 to go.

That's when Murray took the game into his hands.

He completed a 24-yard pass to David Johnson and scrambled 24 yards to get in range for Gonzalez's fourth field goal.

Murray ran for a career-high 93 yards and completed 20 of 32 passes for 253 yards without an interception.

Bengals coach Zac Taylor will have to wait at least one more week for that first victory.

Cincinnati is 0-5 for the first time since 2008.

Cardinals 26, Bengals 23

Arizona Cardinals 26, Cincinnati Bengals 23

Cin—FG Gonzalez 23, 8:28.

ArI—K Murray 6 run (Gonzalez kick), 3:40.

Second Quarter

ArI—FG Gonzalez 23, 5:09.

Cin—FG Bullock 48, 3:27.

ArI—FG Gonzalez 20, 2:55.

Third Quarter

Cin—FG Bullock 23, 3:34.

ArI—FG Gonzalez 22, 13:25.

ArI—FG Gonzalez 37 run (Gonzalez kick), 7:13.

Cin—Tate 2 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 4:08.

Bullock 42 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 4:00.

ArI—FG Gonzalez 31, 3:00.

A—60.1.

First downs 26-26

Total Net Yards 516-238

Rushes-yards 38-26

Passing 128-108

Punt Returns 2-24

Interceptions Ret. 2-0

Comp-Att-Int 20-32-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 1-5

Fumbles-Lost 3-0-0

Penalties-Yards 12-96

Time of Possession 28:57

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Arizona, 10-62

D.Johnson 17-91, Edmons 8-68, Ishaq 11-1, Johnson 1-3, Cincinnati, 10-93

Bernard 2-10, Dalton 2-5

PASSING—Arizona, K Murray 20-32-0

Cincinnati, Dalton 27-38-0-2

RECEIVING—Arizona, Fitzgerald 6-58

D.Johnson 3-45, K Murray 3-21, Edmons 3-18, Cooper 2-33, Clay 1-27, Sherfield 1-23, M Williams 1-7, Cincinnati, Boyd 10-11

Uzomah 2-16, Elbert 2-14, Mixon 1-16, E. Erickoff 1-7, Morgan 1-5

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Arizona, Gonzalez 3-7.



BRIAN BLANCO/AP

Only cramps could stop Carolina Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey, who continued to be the focal point of the offense in a victory over Jacksonville.

McCaffrey runs wild as Panthers top Jags

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Christian McCaffrey tied a career high with 237 yards from scrimmage and scored three touchdowns, and Brian Burns returned a fumble 56 yards for a touchdown and had a strip-sack in the fourth quarter.

McCaffrey set a franchise record with an 84-yard TD run and scored on a 5-yard run when he smurfed into the end zone. He also caught an 18-yard TD pass from Kyle Allen before cramping forced him out of the game with five minutes remaining.

McCaffrey's seldom-used replacement, Reggie Bonafon, had a 59-yard touchdown run to put Carolina (3-2) up by seven with 3:34 left.

Carolina's defense thwarted Jacksonville's final two possessions drives when Burns sacked rookie Gardner Minshew to force a turnover and Luke Kuechly backed down a pass on the game's final play.

Minshew finished 26 of 45 for 374 yards with two TDs and one interception for the Jaguars (2-3). Leonard Fournette had 23 carries for 108 yards and a score.

Panthers 34, Jaguars 27

Jacksonville Jaguars 27, Carolina Panthers 34

Jac—McCaffrey 5 run (Slye kick), 6:24.

Jac—Chark 37 pass from Minshew (Lambo kick), 7:27.

Jac—McCaffrey 18 pass from K Allen (Slye kick), 1:25.

Second Quarter

Jac—Burns 56 fumble return (Slye kick), 13:32.

Jac—Chark 11 pass from Minshew (Lambo kick), 6:07.

Third Quarter

Jac—Lambo 35, 5:58.

Jac—McCaffrey 84 run (Slye kick), 13:48.

Jac—Fournette 1 run (Lambo kick), 10:27.

Fourth Quarter

Jac—FG Lambo 38, 5:52.

Jac—Bonafon 59 run (kick failed), 3:34.

A—61.7.

First downs 34-27

Total Net Yards 507-445

Rushes-yards 31-148

Passing 128-108

Punt Returns 3-17

Interceptions Ret. 2-0

Comp-Att-Int 26-44-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 2-16

Fumbles-Lost 4-3-0

Penalties-Yards 9-84

Time of Possession 27:36

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Jacksonville, 27-108

Minshew 7-42, Armstrong 1-10

Carolina, McCaffrey 19-175, Bonafon 1-58, Sam 2-25, K Allen 1-4

PASSING—Jacksonville, Minshew 26-44-0

Carolina, K Murray 17-30-0-1

RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Chark 8-164

Westbrook 3-87, Fournette 4-28

O'Shaughnessy 3-57, Conley 1-26, Armstrong 1-16, Montgomery 1-11

Oakland, Moore 6-91, McCaffrey 6-61, Samuel 3-13, Wright 1-6, Armah 1-5

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Carolina, Slye 4-6.



TIM IRELAND/AP

Running back Josh Jacobs, who rushed for 123 yards and two TDs, helped the Oakland Raiders cap a stay in London with a hard-won victory.

Raiders blow big lead, rally to beat Bears

LONDON — Josh Jacobs scored his second touchdown of the game with a leap from the 2-yard line with 1:57 to play, capping a 97-yard drive that helped the Raiders rally after blowing a 17-point lead.

The touchdown was part of a roller-coaster game that delighted the sellout crowd in London. The Raiders (3-2) broke out to a 17-0 halftime lead only to fall behind the Bears (3-2) in a mistake-filled third quarter.

Oakland fumbled at the goal line when going in for the go-ahead score, needed a replay review to overturn a fumble on a successful fake punt on the winning drive, then intercepted a pass by Chicago backup Chase Daniel with 1:14 to go to seal the victory.

It didn't come easy, but made Oakland's weeklong stay in London a successful one, ended by a satisfying victory in the Raiders' first game against the Bears since dealing outside linebacker Khalil Mack to Chicago before last season.

That trace has come under heavy scrutiny as Mack led the Bears to the playoffs last year while the Raiders struggled, but Oakland came out ahead this day.

Raiders 24, Bears 21

Chicago Bears 21, Oakland Raiders 24

Chi—McCaffrey 5 run (Slye kick), 6:24.

Chi—Chark 37 pass from Minshew (Lambo kick), 7:27.

Chi—McCaffrey 18 pass from K Allen (Slye kick), 1:25.

Second Quarter

Oak—Jacobs 12 run (Carlson kick), 14:55.

Oak—Washington 3 run (Carlson kick), 9:51.

Third Quarter

Chi—Minshew 1 run (Pineiro kick), 12:43.

Chi—Robinson 4 pass from Daniel (Pineiro kick), 10:27.

Fourth Quarter

Oak—Jacobs 2 run (Carlson kick), 12:51.

A—60.6.

First downs 25-15

Total Net Yards 235-298

Rushes-yards 17-45

Passing 128-108

Punt Returns 2-12

Interceptions Ret. 1-14

Comp-Att-Int 19-33-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 2-23

Fumbles-Lost 4-2-0

Penalties-Yards 4-30

Time of Possession 27:36

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Chicago, Montgomery 11-25

Cohen 4-10, Patterson 1-5, Daniel 1-1

Oakland, Jacobs 26-123, Washington 3-17

Richard 2-14, Carr 3-8, E Harris 1-4

PASSING—Chicago, Daniel 22-30-2-23

Oakland, Carr 2-10-0-0

RECEIVING—Chicago, Montgomery 11-25

Cohen 6-39, A Miller 4-52, Burton 3-17

Holtz 1-16, Montgomery 1-11, Oakland, Moore 4-46

Davis 4-42, Walker 4-39, J. Carr 3-20, Washington 3-13, Carrier 2-22

Richard 2-18, Doss 2-11, Renfro 1-12

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



BUTCH DILL/AP

New Orleans Saints quarterback Teddy Bridgewater got his first completion of 30 or more yards Sunday and kept airtight out in a victory over Tampa Bay.

Bridgewater burns Bucs for 4 TDs in Saints win

NEW ORLEANS — Teddy Bridgewater passed for 314 yards and four touchdowns to remain unbeaten in three starts for the Saints this season.

With Bridgewater getting increasingly accustomed to playing for the injured Drew Brees, he had his best game yet for New Orleans (4-1) against a Tampa Bay defense that entered the game ranked second to last in the NFL against the pass.

With chants of "Ted-y! Ted-y!" from the Superdome crowd, Bridgewater completed 26 of 34 passes, with two TD throws to Michael Thomas and one each to Jared Cook and Ted Ginn Jr.

Thomas finished with 11 catches for 182 yards.

Bridgewater, who began playing in Week 2 after Brees' first-quarter thumb injury in a loss to the Rams, had not completed a pass as long as 30 yards in his first 11 games of play this season.

That changed in the first quarter against the Bucs (2-3) with a 34-yard completion to Thomas.

Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston was 15 of 27 for 204 yards and two touchdowns on Chris Godwin.

Saints 31, Buccaneers 24

Tampa Bay Buccaneers 24, New Orleans Saints 31

NO—FG Bryant 35, 14:52.

NO—Fuller 14 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 4:09.

Second Quarter

NO—Thomas 14 pass from Bridgewater (Lutz kick), 10:13.

NO—Cook 9 pass from Bridgewater (Lutz kick), 3:32.

Third Quarter

NO—Ginn 33 pass from Bridgewater (Lutz kick), 11:41.

NO—Barber 2 run (Gay kick), 5:03.

Fourth Quarter

NO—Thomas 12 pass from Bridgewater (Lutz kick), 10:37.

NO—Fuller 23 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 2:13.

A—70.9.

First downs 25-22

Total Net Yards 252-457

Rushes-yards 22-94

Punt Returns 0-0

Interceptions Ret. 1-14

Comp-Att-Int 19-33-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 6-46

Fumbles-Lost 6-43

Penalties-Yards 4-30

Time of Possession 27:36

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Godwin 7-35

Barber 3-22, Miller 1-18, Winston 3-13

Ogunbowale 1-10, New Orleans, Kamara 4-62, Murray 7-28

PASSING—Tampa Bay, Winston 15-27-0-24

New Orleans, Bridgewater 26-34-1-31

Thomas 11-110, Kinnaird 1-10-13

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Godwin 7-125

Ogunbowale 2-27, Jones 2-21, Wilson 1-11

Murray 7-28, Howard 1-10, Barber 2-15

NO—Thomas 11-182, Kamara 4-62, Miller 3-39, Ginn 2-13

Murray 2-6

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



MICHAEL WYKE/AP

Texans wide receiver Will Fuller, left, caught three of Deshaun Houston's five TD passes in Houston's 53-32 victory over the Atlanta Falcons in Houston.

Watson, Fuller on fire as Texans rout Falcons

HOUSTON — Deshaun Watson threw for a career-high 426 yards and tied his personal best with five touchdown passes, including three to Will Fuller.

A week after scoring a season-low 10 points in a loss to Carolina, Watson went 28-for-33 and became the first player to top 400 yards passing against the Falcons since Week 16 of 2012.

Fuller had a career-best 217 yards receiving, Darren Fells had two touchdown grabs for the Texans (3-2) and Carlos Hyde added a rushing TD.

Houston's beleaguered offensive line didn't allow a sack on Sunday after giving up 18 through the first four games.

Matt Ryan had 330 yards passing with three TDs and one interception for the Falcons (1-4), who lost their third consecutive game.

It was Watson's first meeting with the Falcons after the Georgia native worked as a ball boy for the team all four years of high school.

Texans 53, Falcons 32

Atlanta Falcons 32, Houston Texans 53

Atl—Sano 14 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 3:03.

Atl—Fuller 6 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 4:09.

Second Quarter

Atl—FG Bryant 35, 14:52.

Hou—Fuller 33 pass from Watson (kick failed), 12:06.

Hou—FG Fairbairn 50, 4:02.

Hou—Freeman 9 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 2:22.

Third Quarter

Hou—Fuller 1 run (Fairbairn kick), 11:51.

Hou—Fells 8 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 7:37.

Hou—Fuller 8 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 3:34.

Fourth Quarter

Atl—Ryan 1 run (Hooper pass from Ryan), 11:24.

Atl—Fuller 12 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 6:24.

Atl—Ridley 22 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 3:13.

Hou—Fuller 44 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 2:53.

Hou—Gipson 79 interception return (kick failed), 1:24.

A—71.7.

First downs 29-22

Total Net Yards 373-592

Rushes-yards 20-27

Punt Returns 3-27

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MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Packers running back Aaron Jones gets past the Cowboys' Byron Jones for a touchdown during the second half on Sunday.

Pack feel at home in win over Cowboys

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Aaron Rodgers darted toward the line of scrimmage before flinging a ball sidearm for another dazzling completion at the home of the Dallas Cowboys.

Aaron Jones waved "bye-bye" to Dallas cornerback Byron Jones on the way to one of four rushing touchdowns, which tied Green Bay's franchise record.

The "Aarons" were quite comfortable in a 34-24 victory over the Cowboys on Sunday — Rodgers because he won again at AT&T Stadium nine years after his first victory in the retractable-aero stadium was the 2011 Super Bowl, Jones because the West Texas kid felt right at home.

"All my family was up in the stands," said Jones, who grew up in a Cowboys fan about 600 miles away in El Paso and played for the hometown UTEP Miners. "I could see my brother right there. I threw him one of the balls when I scored. That was pretty cool. Just being back in Texas."

Rodgers zipped that sidewind toss to Robert Tonyan in tight coverage along the sideline to fix one broken play, flipped a left-hander to Travaris Caesar to rescue another, and helped Green Bay improve to 5-0 at AT&T Stadium.

The first three Green Bay wins over the Cowboys at their 10-year-old stadium were all dramatic, highlighted by Rodgers' improbable 35-yard completion to Jared Cook to set up a winning field goal on the final play of a 34-31 divisional-round playoff win three years ago.

"I've had some good games here," said Rodgers, who was injured when Matt Flynn rallied the Packers to a 37-36 win after trailing 26-3 in the second half six years ago. "Four good ones."

Not quite the same drama this time after the Packers (4-1) built a 31-3 lead, although Dak Prescott (463 yards passing) and Amari Cooper (226 yards receiving) set career highs trying to keep things interesting in the fourth quarter.

The last hope for Dallas ended with 1:41 left when Brett Maher missed his second field goal — a 33-yarder that would have given the Cowboys a shot at an onside kick down seven.

"When you do that, put yourself in a hole, you put yourself in a position that no matter how hard you fight and no matter how many good things you do on the back end, it's hard to come out of that against a good team like they are," Prescott said.

Missing his biggest threat in Davante Adams because of a toe injury, Rodgers threw for 238 yards without an interception — to the delight of a large contingent of Green Bay fans that pulled off several "Go Pack Go" chants without much resistance from the home crowd.

Prescott, on the other hand, matched a career high with three interceptions.

Packers 34, Cowboys 24

Green Bay	14	34	14	3-4
Dallas	10	3	14	24
First Quarter				
GB—A-Jones 18 run (Crosby kick), 8:57.				
Second Quarter				
GB—Frost 20, 2:19.				
Third Quarter				
GB—A-Jones 3 run (Crosby kick), 9:33.				
Dal—Frost 18, 5:54.				
Dal—A-Jones 1 run (Crosby kick), 3:30.				
Dal—Gallup 40 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 2:00.				
Fourth Quarter				
Dal—Elliot 2 run (Maher kick), 13:52.				
GB—Frost 38, 8:07.				
Dal—Cooper 53 pass from Prescott (Maher kick), 7:46.				
A—93,024.				

	GB	Dal
First downs	24	32
Total Net Yards	395	242
Rushes-yards	29-120	21-122
Passing	215	441
Punt Returns	3-18	3-7
Kickoff Returns	1-23	3-73
Interceptions Ret.	3-59	0-0
Comp.-Att.-Int	22-40-0	27-44-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-23	3-22
Punts	6-49.5	3-33.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-75	11-124
Time of Possession	36:43	23:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Green Bay: A-Jones 10-67, Carson 6-14, Rodgers 2-55, Austin 1-13, Elliott 12-62, Prescott 4-27, Pollard 4-19, Austin 1-14.
PASSING—Green Bay: Rodgers 22-30-0, 238. Dallas: Prescott 27-44-3, 463.
RECEIVING—Green Bay: A-Jones 7-75, Carson 4-18, Graham 3-41, Allison 2-28, M.Lewis 2-17, Tonyan 1-22, Valdes-Scantling 1-18, Vitale 1-9, Kumerow 1-9, Dallas: Cooper 11-226, Gallup 7-113, Cobb 3-53, Witten 2-29, Rodger 2-55, Austin 1-13.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas: Maher 54, Maher 33.

Redskins fire Gruden

Coach was 35-49-1, including 0-5 this season

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WASHINGTON — Jay Gruden was fired as head coach of the Washington Redskins on Monday after an 0-5 start to the sixth season of a tenure that featured only one playoff appearance.

The Redskins have gone 35-49-1 overall under Gruden, whose brother, Jon, coaches the Oakland Raiders.

A person familiar with the team's plans told The Associated Press that offensive line coach Bill Callahan would replace Gruden on an interim basis. Callahan has coached the Raiders in the NFL and Nebraska in college football.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because Callahan's new role wasn't immediately announced.

Owner Daniel Snyder and team president Bruce Allen informed Gruden he was out early Monday morning, a day after a 33-7 loss to the New England Patriots. Allen was scheduled to make a rare appearance at a news conference Monday afternoon.

The statement announcing that Gruden would no longer be the head coach said: "Through the first five games of the 2019 season, the team has clearly not performed up to expectations, and we all share in that responsibility. Moving forward, we are committed to doing all that we can collectively as an organization to turn things around and give our Redskins fans and alumni a team



NICK WASS/AP

Jay Gruden leaves the field after the Redskins lost to the New England Patriots on Sunday. Gruden was fired as Washington's head coach on Monday after an 0-5 start.

they can be proud of in 2019 and beyond."

This season alone has seen star left tackle Trent Williams hold out, a shuffle at quarterback after Dwayne Haskins was taken No. 15 overall in the draft, a series of injuries up and down the roster — and, perhaps most upsetting to team leadership, increasingly large contingents of visiting fans attending games at Washington's home stadium.

The Redskins rarely have even been competitive this season, ranking 30th out of 32 NFL clubs in both scoring, averaging 14.6 points, and defense, allowing 30.2 points per game. The only

club that ranks worse than Washington in both categories — the Miami Dolphins, who are 0-4 and had a bye this week — will host the Redskins next Sunday.

Gruden initially was hired by Washington in the hopes that he could help Robert Griffin III develop into a star quarterback, but that forced partnership quickly soured.

And while Gruden had some success drawing up and calling creative plays for Washington's offense, his area of expertise, he never seemed to get a feel for other aspects of the job.

Despite never before being a head coach in the NFL, and despite never winning more than nine games in a season, Gruden managed to stick around longer than anyone else who's held that job for the Redskins during Snyder's unsuccessful two-decade stint as team owner.

Gruden's teams finished with winning records just twice — 9-7 in 2015, then 8-7-1 in 2016 — and he took the Redskins to one playoff game, a loss. The team went 7-9 in each of the past two seasons, leading to speculation about whether he would be back.

Those questions about his job status reached a crescendo with the terrible start to this season, which has been a mess on and off the field for a franchise that won three Super Bowls under previous owner Jack Kent Cooke but has been in disarray throughout Snyder's stewardship, including the last 10 years with right-hand man Allen running things as general manager and now president.

Brady, unbeaten Pats rout Redskins

BY DAVID GINSBURG
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LANDOVER, Md. — Playing before an appreciative audience in a place far from home, Tom Brady helped the New England Patriots stay unbeaten by picking apart the slowly Washington Redskins.

While he was at it, the 42-year-old quarterback climbed past a former star in the NFL record book.

Brady threw for 348 yards and three touchdowns, and the Patriots got another stirring performance from their defense in a 33-7 rout of the winless Redskins on Sunday.

Now in his 20th season, Brady wished by Brett Favre into third place on the career list with 71,923 yards passing. Brady now trails only Peyton Manning (71,940 yards) and Drew Brees (74,845).

Brady also edged closer to Manning's record 539 touchdown passes, connecting with Julian Edelman, Brandon Bolden and Ryan Zinke to bring his total to 527.

His prowess on the football field is rarely surprising, but the reaction he received was certainly

unexpected. Thousands of fans in the crowd wore blue Patriots jerseys — many of them No. 12 with BRADY on the back — and were cheering for the reigning Super Bowl champions from warms to well after the final whistle.

"It was ridiculous. It was pretty amazing," Brady said. "It was pretty sweet. We appreciate all the support. It was great to get a win in front of them."

Shrugging off four sacks, Brady completed 28 of 42 passes — including a 15-yarder to Edelman in the third quarter to eclipse Favre.

This is the fifth time in franchise history that New England has started the season 5-0, and only the second time since 2007. Playing for the first time since breaking his leg against Philadelphia last December, Redskins quarterback Colt McCoy went 18-for-27 for 119 yards and an interception.

Washington had only 220 yards in offense and was 1-for-11 on third-down conversions.

"There is no excuse for what we put out there today," said McCoy, who was sacked six times.

Patriots 33, Redskins 7

New England	14	33	7	0-0
Washington	7	0	0	7-7
First Quarter				
NE—Sims 38 run (Brady kick), 9:26.				
NE—Edelman 6 pass from Brady (kick failed), 7:09.				
Second Quarter				
NE—FG 37, 10:35.				
NE—FG 35, 25:30.				
Third Quarter				
NE—Bolden 29 pass from Brady (Nugent kick), 1:00.				
NE—McClell 14 run (Nugent kick), 4:35.				
NE—Zinke 10 pass from Brady (Nugent kick), 9:14.				
A—16,483.				

	NE	Was
First downs	23	20
Total Net Yards	442	220
Rushes-yards	22-122	29-120
Passing	312	75
Punt Returns	3-49	1-9
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-16	1-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	28-410	18-126
Fumbles-Lost	6-47	10-50
Penalties-Yards	7-55	6-72
Time of Possession	31:52	28:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New England: Brady 16-91, White 6-26, Bolden 5-53, Washington: McCoy 18-27-1, Richardson 2-14, Thompson 4-21, Peterson 7-18, McCoy 21-4.
PASSING—New England: Brady 28-42-0, Edelman 6-46, Gordon 5-59, Michel 3-25, White 2-19, Richardson 2-14, Sims 2-1, Johnson 1-5, Washington: Thompson 5-17, McClain 3-51, Quinn 3-15, Zinke 2-17, Richardson 2-14, Sims 2-1, K-Hamilton 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

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SHOCKConfident Colts shut
down QB Mahomes,
Chiefs' vaunted 'O'By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

The way Indianapolis handled the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night sent a jolt through the NFL, whether it was dominating the line of scrimmage or shutting down Patrick Mahomes and Co. on defense.

The one place the shock didn't reverberate? The visiting locker room in Arrowhead Stadium.

"The one emotion we were not feeling is shock. I can't even explain it," Colts coach Frank Reich said after the 19-13 victory. "The way guys were walking down the hallway, it was 'We're not going to be denied. We have to get on track. We've got to do it.' I just knew it was real. I felt it all week."

"There was just an air of confidence and belief that we would do what we did today."

Marlon Mack ran for 132 yards, and ageless kicker Adam Vinatieri knocked through four field goals, as the Colts

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Indianapolis running back Marlon Mack carries the ball during Sunday's game against the Chiefs in Kansas City, Mo. The Colts won 19-13.

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